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THURSDAY, MAY 20TH, 2010

COUNCIL PUTS ASIDE £12m FOR 'PENARTH LEARNING COMMUNITY'

THE Vale Council has set aside £12 million to fund the second phase of its school building programme - a phase which revolves around moving St Cyres School to one site in Penarth.

The cash raised by selling off the land in Dinas Powys, currently occupied by St Cyres Lower School, will go towards that £12 million.

The council has coined the name 'Penarth Learning Community' for this second phase of the plan, as it appears that three special schools, Ashgrove, Ysgol Erwr Delyn and Ysgol Maes Dyfan, will become parts of one larger 'campus'.

Phase one of the programme was, of course, moving Cowbridge Comprehensive School onto one site, and this project, budgeted at around £20 million, is due to be completed in time for the new school year in September.

Phase three will involve a mixture of new building and refurbishment at Llantwit Major Comprehensive.

In a report considered and approved by the Vale

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

Council cabinet yesterday (Wednesday), officers reported that The Penarth Learning Community has been advanced to RIBA Stage D+, which means it has an outline design and a cost plan, and is ready to be tendered.

The scheme includes St Cyres Comprehensive School and the amalgamation of Ashgrove, Ysgol Erwr Delyn and Ysgol Maes Dyfan on one site with residential and respite care, shared facilities and services.

The new development will be on land occupied by the upper St Cyres Comprehensive School, and Ashgrove and Erwr Delyn special schools.

The Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) prefers to fund 70 per cent of the cost, and the council report reveals that the total bill will be £57,330,000.

The council, however, is asking that WAG pay for 79 per cent of the scheme, as the £12 million under discussion amounts to just 21 per cent of the total.

Included in the council's £12 million is the cash that the council

hopes to recoup by selling the Dinas Powys school site and also land at Ysgol Maes Dyfan.

A share of the receipts from the Penarth Heights development (£500,000) is also included.

In a letter explaining its policy on funding such school building programmes, WAG says that if it is asked for more than 70 per cent, it will be judged on whether a sound business case has been made.

Coun Tony Hampton said: "Our plans for the Penarth Learning Community will provide first class facilities for both secondary and special education needs pupils. We hope that the innovative nature of the plans will secure the necessary funding from WAG."

"We are committed to improving education facilities in the Vale. As part of our 21st century schools initiative, in response to parental demand, we also hope to open a new Welsh medium primary school in Barry, adjacent to Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and bring into use an area of wasteland as new playing fields."



Matthew Bartlett (left) with his younger brother Oliver.

Talented brothers to star on the stage!

by **TIM CHAPMAN**

TWO youngsters from Barry have been selected from hundreds of auditionees to appear in a production of My Fair Lady in Surrey - and they happen to be brothers.

Matthew Bartlett (14) and his younger brother Oliver (10) were selected to be part of a 75-strong company after more than 700 youngsters auditioned at a number of venues across the country.

Helene Reynolds, the Stagecoach principal in Bridgend where the boys have been honing their acting and dancing skills, said: "We are delighted that two of our students beat off the competition to land places in this year's Easy Stages production of *My Fair Lady*."

"It is remarkable that two brothers should both make it through the audition process."

In July, Matthew, who attends Barry Comprehensive School, and Oliver, an All Saints' pupil, will join other members of the cast in London to rehearse for two weeks with a professional crew, before putting on a performance in a Surrey theatre in the third week.

Once the performers arrive in London, they will find out what their role in the production will be.

The Bartlett family are full of performers: Matthew and Oliver are following in the footsteps of eldest brother Christopher (22), who is pursuing a professional career and has already been in a touring production of *Godspell*.

Matthew and Oliver's

mother, Judi, said: "We're very proud of them and they can't wait to join up with the cast."

"Matthew is going to have a really busy summer. He's off to Italy with the Cardiff Youth Orchestra and will have 24 hours at home before setting off to *My Fair Lady*."

The sister of an assault victim 'thought he might have died'

AFTER taking a massive cocktail of drink and drugs, a Cardiff man "poleaxed" a customer outside a pub in Barry, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

The victim's sister saw him fall to the ground unconscious and believed he might have died, said Judge Paul Thomas.

Carl Thomas (26) was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, after admitting causing actual bodily harm and possessing cocaine.

Said the judge: "You took a ridiculous amount of drink and drugs and viciously headbutted a man in the face, something all too prevalent in towns in south Wales."

Crown Court report by AJ SICLUNA

He said it was gratuitous and utterly unprovoked.

"This attack has affected the victim's life," said the judge.

Prosecutor Karl Williams said that on February 12, Thomas went drinking in Barry and had eight cans of beer before going to a pub in Broad Street, where he had a further six pints of lager and took three grammes of cocaine.

He was later asked on a scale of one to 10 how drunk he was and he said 11.

Mr Sean Kennedy was enjoying himself in the pub and left at close-

ing time. Seconds later, Thomas headbutted him and he was taken to hospital unconscious and detained overnight. He had swellings, abrasions and cuts.

Mr Williams said that Mr Kennedy, of Barry, now felt vulnerable in public and only feels safe in his place of work.

He said he hardly goes out and is "constantly looking at people for signs of aggression".

Thomas' counsel, Jeremy Jenkins, said: "He delivered a hard, effective headbutt, and I am bound to acknowledge the attack was pre-meditated."

"He is extremely lucky not to have been responsible for causing a permanent injury."

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Vale led the way with coalitions!

AT the Vale of Glamorgan Council meeting on May 5, the Leader of the council, Coun Gordon Kemp, was very quick to condemn the former coalition cabinet which came to power in the Vale in December 2006.

He made it very clear to all present his dislike for the coalition, in particular the one that he opposed in the Vale, which proved to be most successful in working together for the people of the Vale.

Now that his Conservative Party has set up a coalition with

the Liberal Democrats, how will Coun Kemp react to that, given his dislike for coalitions?

No doubt he must be delighted that our lead in the Vale has been followed with a coalition government at the Welsh Assembly – and now a coalition has put his party into office at Westminster.

Coalitions do work, if people are prepared to work together in the best interests of the electorate.

It will be interesting to see if the parties at Westminster work together, as previous coalitions have in Wales.

Coun Gwyn John Llantwit Major

How much will this housing survey cost?

SOME Vale residents may be puzzled by the recent questionnaire which came through our doors.

Can the Tory Council, who have recently increased our council tax, confirm how much they are paying Fordham Research of Brighton to undertake this survey – which concerns itself with affordable rural housing needs?

The survey, which asks a series of very intrusive and sensitive questions about the financial status of each household, seeks to provide an understanding of future housing needs in our area.

'Charge campers'

IAM sorry to have to say that local councillors are unable, or do not care enough, to deal with camping on Llantwit Major meadows near the beach.

The tiny sign is insignificant. What is the objection to a prominent notice?

Talking to fellow dog

Housing is a major issue for young families, there is a shortage of it in our area because under Thatcher, council houses were sold off and not replaced.

Tory councils don't get it that land is a common treasury owned by us all, not something to be parcelled off and sold to get rich quick developers with the promise of a golf course (Rhoose Point).

As council leaders, they are merely custodians of the land – to pass on to the next generation.

Vale residents will be interested in the cost of this.

Peter Holly, Rhoose

walkers (who always 'pick-up') we feel that a modest £1 for parking would be a very low price and it could be manned (as it used to be) by a local pensioner for a small remuneration.

If councillors walked the lovely valley to the beach, I believe they would realise how 'out of place' a concrete path would be.

Phyllis Challenger, Llantwit Major

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Stop messing about with Five Mile Lane and ... 'BUILD US A NEW MOTORWAY LINK!'

WITH reference to The GEM report on May 13, headed 'Public consultation on Five Mile Lane', why are we still messing about with straightening out Five Mile Lane?

There are two problem areas: one being the Five Mile Lane and the other Culverhouse Cross Roundabout. The last I read about Culverhouse Cross was that a new relief road was being built on the west side of Marks and Spencer, to help with the volume of traffic

wanting to go to Barry and Cardiff Airport.

Why don't people take the bull by the horns and build a new motorway link road straight from Llantrisant M4 roundabout to Cardiff Airport?

At the end of the day, it would be better for the environment having traffic travelling smoothly, rather than negotiating sharp bends, 30mph villages with pedestrian crossing lights and farmers driving their cattle across main roads.

John Gillette, Cwm Talwg

Thank you to Labour voters

NOW that the political dust has started to settle and we know the outcome of the general election, I would be grateful if, through your newspaper, I could pay tribute to all those people who voted for me, supported me and worked for me throughout the election campaign.

First of all – a big 'thank you' to the 16,000 people who voted for me. Their votes weren't

wasted – they have shown that Labour in the Vale is alive and kicking – and that we'll be back!

Thank you, too, to all those supporters who put posters in their windows and stakes in their gardens, and to all the hundreds of people who emailed me, asking for my opinions and telling me theirs.

Thank you to my agent Chris and the wonderful Labour team in the Vale – thank you for the miles you walked, the papers you folded, the phone calls you made and the doors you

knocked; and thank you for making the whole experience unforgettable and unmissable.

Thank you to The GEM for giving me the opportunity to put my case to your readers.

But most of all, thank you to the people of the Vale – for the concerts you entertained me at, for the hustings you subjected me to, for the fairs and fetes and meetings you invited me to – thank you.

I hope to be knocking on your doors again in the future!

Alana Davies, Porthcawl (Former Labour parliamentary candidate, for the Vale of Glamorgan)

Churchill and the miners

WHO does Coun Russell Downe of Llantwit Major think he is, telling us, the people of south Wales, that we were wrong in believing that Winston Churchill sent troops to the Rhondda? (GEM report last week).

Has his family lived in Wales for generations and been involved in mining?

My husband's family were: His father, uncles, cousins etc all worked until the pits closed.

I include an excerpt taken from the internet on Winston Churchill's life:

"As Home Secretary, Winston Churchill used troops to maintain law

and order during the south Wales Miners' Strike.

"He also used a detachment of Scots Guards to assist police during a house siege in Sidney Street in East London in January 1911."

"Whilst such actions may have marked him down as a man who would do his utmost to maintain law and order, there were those who criticised his use of the military for issues that the police usually dealt with."

Believe what you want Mr Downe, but do not expect those of us who believe differently to agree with you.

Incidentally, you can call it what you like, but it will always be 'West Camp' to locals. Mrs EM Davies, Boverton.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MAY 27)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
20 Thur	11.54	8.3		
21 Fri	00.21	8.5	13.00	8.2
22 Sat	01.24	8.5	14.08	8.2
23 Sun	02.41	8.4	15.23	8.4
24 Mon	03.52	8.7	16.25	8.8
25 Tues	04.49	8.9	17.17	9.0
26 Wed	05.39	9.1	18.08	9.2
27 Thur	06.31	9.3	18.56	9.4

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Pointers for the planners

REGARDING the future planning of Barry Island, the first thing the council want to look at is the road to the Island.

A road from the coach park area is badly needed – across the common to the roundabout – a matter of a couple of hundred yards.

So why isn't this project being built now, and not in 10 years' time?

As for a caravan site at Nells Point, I don't think this is a good idea because of strong south westerlies coming up channel; you would have to anchor the vans down.

What better place for a static site than Porthkerry Park? This is a flat, sheltered site for travellers' vans, a campsite easy to access from the main road via Pontypridd Road.

Bill Lang,

Barry Island

If you have a view on any of the letters published this week, or on any other subject of interest, you can email us at ggem@internet-today.co.uk or write to us at the address given on this page.

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MP & AM's SURGERY TIMES

New MP Alun Cairns is still finalising his contact details but, to make a surgery appointment with Mr Cairns, contact the constituency office on 01446 733516 or e-mail alun@aluncairns.com

To make a surgery appointment with Jane Hutt AM, contact the constituency office (01446) 740981. Office hours are 9am-5pm. Answerphone service outside office hours.

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Handcuffed man did a runner

- CROWN COURT IS TOLD

SECONDS after being arrested and handcuffed, following purchase of amphetamine in Barry, a Rhosee man fled.

Daniel Whyman (21) was arrested the following day at Aberthaw power station where he was working, said prosecutor Joanna James.

Whyman had been found guilty of possessing amphetamine worth £300, and he admitted

Report by AJ SICLUNA

possessing methadone.

He was also found guilty of escaping from police custody and stealing a set of handcuffs.

He was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court to a community order for one year and made subject to a supervision order for a year.

In addition, he was ordered to observe a 10pm-6am curfew for 26

weeks and to be electronically tagged. He was also directed to take part in a drugs rehabilitation scheme.

Recorder Catherine Brown told him: "These are very serious matters. Society will be best served if you have the opportunity to address your behaviour."

"You must get off drugs, or you will end up in prison."

The court heard that Whyman had convictions for shoplifting and possessing cannabis and heroin.

Ms James said: "The police spotted him leaving the home of a drugs dealer in Barry."

"He was arrested and handcuffed and fled from the scene. When re-arrested the following day, he was found to be in possession of methadone."

His counsel David Purnell said: "He began misusing drugs from the age of 13. He has been receiving treatment and there is light at the end of the tunnel. Several tests have indicated negative drug results."

He said that further intervention would keep him on the right path.

MP says 'don't scare people' as... AM warns Wales may face huge budget cuts

by TIM CHAPMAN

THE newly-elected Vale MP, Alun Cairns, has accused an Assembly Member of being 'alarmist' in claiming the new coalition government might cut hundreds of millions from the Welsh budget.

Last week, Plaid AM Chris Franks warned that the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats in Westminster might make cuts of £220 million this year in the Welsh budget.

During budget questions in the Senedd, Mr Franks commented: "I am calling for a meeting with Conservative and Lib Dem Ministers

regarding the impact of the UK Government's spending cuts on the Welsh budget. I hope that there will be movement on the recommendations of the Holtham commission and reform of the outdated funding formula for Wales."

"It is generally acknowledged that we are being short-changed to the tune of £300 million a year for our public services. I regret that the last UK Government failed to resolve this vital issue, which could substantially protect our health service, schools and police forces."

The Budget and Business Minister in the Assembly, Jane Hutt, confirmed that she had

written to the new Chief Secretary to the Treasury, David Laws in the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition, to ask for an early meeting with him.

Mr Franks added: "I am worried that the budget in July could risk the recovery. The Liberal Democrats, after warning of a budget full of cuts, will do a u-turn and vote for a slash and burn budget this financial year."

"This will cause problems for local councils, health and education bodies given the National Assembly has

already agreed the 2010-11 budget. There will be a lot of belt tightening to get the deficit down rather than taxing very high earners," said Alun Cairns pointed out that money should be saved by cutting waste leaving front line services untouched.

He said: "There is no rationale behind the statement. Alarming and frightening people doesn't serve anyone. We obviously need to live within our means but we have said that if we cut waste, front line services can be protected."

"Unless debt is cut, unemployment will rise and our economy will go into another recession. I would hope that in this

era of new politics Plaid Cymru would recognise the challenges, rather than seeking to scare people and making cheap political points."

On Monday, David Cameron, the new Prime Minister, met Wales' First Minister Carwyn Jones at Cardiff Bay, and said that if the Assembly wanted a senior Treasury Minister to answer questions following the Budget, then that would happen.

He also offered to answer questions once a year in the Assembly, but added he was in favour of Assembly ministers making the return trip to answer questions in Westminster.

Garage owner chases intruder

POLICE in Penarth are investigating after a garage owner disturbed an intruder at about 8.40pm on Wednesday April 28.

A police spokesman said that the garage owner confronted the man and gave chase along Goscombe Drive, down Harriet Street and onto Pill Street, before losing sight of him near the old Post Office on Pill Street.

The man was in his early 20s, about five feet

seven inches tall and of average to medium build with dark brown closely cropped hair and closely cropped facial stubble; he was wearing blue jeans and a black t-shirt with a white logo and white trainers.

He spoke with a local accent and had a lisp. He may be connected to a silver 4x4 vehicle seen in the area at the time.

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A GEM READER HITS OUT AT COUNCIL'S COLCOT PLAN...

'New school will bring traffic chaos to Barry'

WRITE on the subject of the proposed Welsh medium primary school in the Colcot area, from a number of points of view.

First, I am a strong supporter of Welsh medium education and wish to see it flourish.

Second, I was the Head of PE Department at the former Grammar School and for the first year of the Comprehensive School, 1966/67 and saw the

laying down of the present playing fields, including those used now by Ysgol Bro Morgannwg - subsequently being a maths/statistics teacher until I retired. I retain my interest in school sports.

Third, I am a resident of Glen Mavis Way, off Greenbanks Drive, Barry, the proposed site of the new school.

I am strongly opposed to the building of the new school on Greenbanks Drive or on Port Road. My reasons are to do with the inevitable traffic chaos which will result. At 8.45am on the Friday on which I write, I did a survey: In the car park of Ysgol Bro Morgannwg there were already 53 cars and two buses (some had already left).

In the Community Hospital there were 74 cars and 31 in the overflow car park.

All these would probably have arrived within the previous half hour. I did not go to the Comprehensive site, but I know that there would have been more than at the other sites.

Were there to be a primary school built on

Greenbanks Drive, the number of cars of the staff of that school must be added to the above total and all of these would enter and leave by just one road.

Because the new school will be primary, many parents will want to bring their children by car and will want to see them safely onto the school premises (and to collect them).

To drive in and out is likely to be impossible, so they will want to park on Colcot Road or Greenbanks Drive and walk their children to the school.

Add this to the fact that the traffic is heavy at that time of day with people going to work and it is easy to envisage the potential traffic chaos and its attendant dangers.

Turning to the use of school playing fields: much has been said against the selling-off of school fields for building.

This amounts to the same thing, so I oppose it. A GEM report quoted Paula Ham, head of strategic planning as saying that this will increase the overall area of playing fields.

It is not the area that matters but the use to which it can be put.

Suppose one builds on half of a football field and creates two other areas each of the same remaining area - one ends with 1.5 times the previous area but not one football field.

The field off Port Road will just contain a 400m track in the summer. If a school takes up only 10 per cent as claimed, then this will not be possible.

Finally, as an interested resident, I am astonished to read in Paula Ham's comments that there was a public consultation meeting on April 27.

Where was it published? I know of no interested parties, in the area which will be most affected, who knew of this meeting.

For the above, and other reasons, the only sensible conclusion appears to be that neither Greenbanks Drive nor Port Road is a suitable site and that the authority must seek out another site, probably well away from this already congested area.

Organisational theory tells us that decision makers tend to be irrational, even in the face of counter-evidence, and will seek to justify their decisions.

I wish them well, but wonder if they will make the effort.
Ivor Arnold, Barry

Barrivale Bridge Club

RESULTS from Barrivale Bridge Club:

April 27: 1st Jane Brook & Denis Mottram 63.89 per cent; 2nd Mick Green & Noelle Bond 58.33 per cent; 3rd Mark Roderick & Mike Best 55.56 per cent. Jane & Denis also won on handicap

May 4: 1st Denis Mottram & Dave Thomas 59 per cent; 2nd Irene Thomas & Graham Jones 54.5 per cent; 3rd Mick Green & Betty Lewis 51.5 per cent. Denis & Dave won on handicap
New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information ring 01446 733425.

Dinas RNLI 'line dancing'

THERE will be a line dancing evening at the Parish Hall, Dinas Powys, presented by 'Loose Boots' on Friday, May 21, from 8pm-11pm in aid of the RNLI.

Non-dancers are welcome and there is tuition for beginners. Soft drinks available. Tickets £5.

Please call 029 2051 3515, or pay at the door

Councillors consider plan to prevent cemetery flooding

A PROPOSAL to enlarge the pond at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery in Barry to prevent potential flooding, is under consideration by councillors.

At a meeting of the amenities committee, Martin Killick, an architect, and Chris Gray, a consultant, gave a presentation on the proposed drainage system in the new extension to the cemetery.

The two men told

councillors that they had had meetings with the Vale Council and Welsh Water, who had both expressed concerns over flooding in the area around the cemetery - if drainage was not controlled properly.

The two men have proposed that the pond in the cemetery should be enlarged by four times its current capacity, and that pipe work should be put in place to allow excess water to flow into the drainage system at the same rate as before.

The Vale Council and Welsh Water were in agreement with the proposal, councillors were told, although amended planning may be required.

Coun Shirley Hodges explained that an ornamental pond had been constructed in the cemetery, to encourage biodiversity and local wildlife, and the idea was for that pond to be increased in size.

She said: "The whole of the cemetery is a greenfield site and we have had to consid-

er a plan to deal with excess water.

"The proposal means the flow of water will be controlled and there will not be added pressure on the drainage system.

"Hopefully, this will provide a solution."

If plans are given the green light, a tendering process could soon be under way, and work could begin as early as August.

High Street Traders prize draw winner



ABOVE: Homer Wenderling receives his vouchers from Anthony Hopkins

BARRY High Street Traders have announced the second lucky winner in their 2010 monthly prize draw.

Mr Homer Wenderling of Barry is seen receiving £100 of High Street shopping vouchers from Anthony Hopkins outside Vic Hopkins Butchers, where he bought the winning ticket.

The lucky number was drawn by Bro Radio DJs Mathew Wilson and AJ.

In order to help fund events throughout the year, High Street Traders

are holding a raffle every month.

"To be in with a chance to win, pop into any shop displaying the 'Raffle' sign, buy a ticket and who knows, you could be the next lucky winner.

"There are £100 of shopping vouchers to be won every month," a spokesman said.

The winning ticket will be drawn live on Bro Radio on the 12th of every month, just after the midday news.

Barry police seek couple



POLICE are continuing to investigate a racially-aggravated public order offence at the '99p Store' at Holton Road, Barry, on April 7.

They have published these CCTV images of two people they would like to speak to in connection with the offence, which occurred at around 3.40pm when a woman and a man attended the store.

If you recognise either of the people concerned, contact PC Amy Podmore at Barry police station on 101, or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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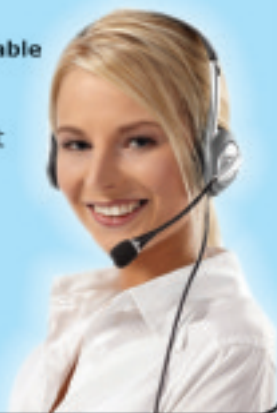
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International duo enthrall local audience in Barry



Francesco and Victoria with the Mayor and Mayoress, councillor and Mrs Emlyn Williams, and Don Carsley.

THE Rotary Club of Barry, presented a classical music evening at the Memorial Hall, Barry on May 6, when international artists, Russian soprano Victoria Rastorgueva and Italian pianist Francesco Attesi, enthralled the audience.

Their visit to Barry was part of their successful world tour and they have received rave reports wherever they have performed. Victoria, a graduate of the Moscow Music Academy, sang songs by various composers, including an excerpt from Puccini's *Tosca*. Francesco, a winner of several international

piano competitions, performed works by Chopin, Liszt, Rachmaninov, and Piazzolla amongst others. After the performance, attended by the Mayor and Mayoress, president of Barry Rotary Club, Don Carsley, thanked them and made presentations of Welsh gifts. Afterwards, he said: "The Barry Club were proud to bring these international artists to

Barry, and everyone who attended was entertained to a wonderful evening of music and song." They had been with us for two days and were both charming and interesting people. Francesco is a Rotarian and a Paul Harris Fellow. Earlier in the day, they were entertained by members of the Barry Rotary Club at its lunch meeting.

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A chance to explore an historic house

RHOOSE WI NEWS

AT the Rhose WI branch May meeting in Presbyterian Chapel, Rhose, the speaker was Mr Rhodri Davies, who talked about the work of the Air Ambulance Service in Wales.

The dedication of the crews of the three air ambulances impressed the audience and a collection was made to show people's appreciation, and also their con-

cern that the service has no official funding, relying on its charity status to remain airborne. Members were pleased to learn that the coffee morning held at the home of Mrs Ray Reynolds on May 1 had raised a considerable sum - 50 per cent of this being donated to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Everyone agreed that the event had been very successful and was enjoyed by all.

On May 20, the WI are to visit Plas Llanmihangel in the Vale, and members are greatly looking forward to this, having had a preview of the treats in store during the recent T. programme 'Hidden Houses of Wales'!

There will be a tour of the house and grounds, followed by afternoon tea.

The next meeting will take place (as usual) at the Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhose, on June 3 at 7.30pm, when Mrs Sheena Crossley will talk about 'growing and using herbs'.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Cadoxton Christian Spiritualist church is holding an evening of clairvoyance on May 28 with speaker Lee Gameson at 7pm. Donations at the door in aid of its funds.

Rhose AGM

RHOSE Community Hall at Stewart Road, is holding its annual general meeting on Monday, May 24 at 7pm.

Everyone is invited to attend to question the hall committee.

Garden open

THERE will be an open garden and afternoon tea at 4 Tudor Close, Westbourne Road, Penarth, on Saturday, May 22 at 3pm-5.30pm.

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DINAS BUS STOP

AN additional bus stop is to be provided in Dinas Powys after an appeal by Plaid Cymru regional AM Chris Franks.

The new bus stop will be located near Brookside on Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys. Coun Jeff James, Vale Council cabinet member for planning and transport confirmed the news in a letter to Mr Franks.

Mr Franks said: "I was approached by constituents who asked for the bus stop. This particularly affects residents living in Castle Drive and Millbrook Heights and the stop will reduce the walking distance for residents."

"I'm very pleased that the Vale Council has agreed that a bus stop should be located near Brookside which will particularly help older residents and parents with young children."

In a letter to the Plaid AM, Coun James said: "An assessment of this location has been undertaken and a new bus stop will be located near Brookside. The bus stop will be a flagged bus stop only, which will be erected as soon as possible by Cardiff Bus."

Auschwitz horrors: 'We were shocked by the brutality of the Nazis' crimes' - say two Vale schoolgirls

TWO students from year-12 at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, Bethan Heslop and Catrin Williams, were chosen to visit Auschwitz camp in Poland with 150 other students from all across Wales.

The purpose of the trip was to gain an insight into Jewish daily life in the notorious Nazi concentration camp.

A particular aspect of the visit that was emphasised was that - "every individual who perished was part of a community, and when we speak of loss, we also mean loss of culture, customs and ideas - as well as people."

Bethan and Catrin commented: "Our expectations were very different on the day from how the experience really was; and we were shocked by the vastness of the brutal crimes the Nazis carried out as the day went on."

"We were unsure how to feel and it was hard to come to terms with the



Safely back at school in the peaceful Vale, Bethan and Catrin.

impossible to smile and being there was overwhelming.

"One thing which was striking was the bitter cold. It was completely unbearable and in our skiing jackets and two pairs of socks we couldn't possibly imagine working there every day in a pair of thin striped pyjamas."

"It's hard trying to describe how you feel while looking at the results of these actions. Looking at an enormous pile of shoes, we saw how the Nazis saw the people, not as individuals, but as objects."

"The Jewish people's bags showed the star of David, and their personalities came through when we saw their belongings."

"Another poignant experience was seeing the 'Arbeit macht Frei' gate. Walking through it after millions of Jews, and seeing the same scene that they saw, was surreal."

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Former Butlins site report

THE future of the former Butlins site on Barry Island is of interest to many people in the Vale – whether they be Barry residents, local business owners or those who love to visit the Island.

This is one of the reasons the council is determined to make the right plans for the future development of the site.

We recently commissioned Humberts Leisure, a company that specialises in international leisure businesses, to produce a report on the potential land use and future marketing of the site.

Humberts have made a number of recommendations and the council is asking for the views of residents and other interested parties on the proposals.

No decision on the future of the site will be made until we have considered all the comments we receive.

The report can be viewed on the council website www.vale-of-glamorgan.gov.uk.

Satisfaction with council is high
RESEARCH undertaken at the end of last year, by an independent company, indicates that the majority of Vale residents, 92 per cent, are satisfied with the service provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

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by Coun
GORDON KEMP
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No more than two questions can be submitted by one person and no more than two can be asked on behalf of one person at any one meeting. Questions need to be directly relevant to the council's policies, or the work of the council.

Full details will be available on the website in the near future.

Freedom for the Welsh Medics
IT was an honour to see the Cardiff-based 203 Welsh Field Hospital (Volunteers), the only Territorial Army medical unit in Wales, receive the freedom of the county borough of the Vale of Glamorgan. The Freedom is the highest tribute a county borough council can bestow.

Known as 'The Welsh Medics', the regiment recruit from across Wales, and the council unanimously agreed to grant them the honour in recognition of their invaluable work.

The Territorial Army medics have recently served in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 1,000 local people turned out to see the parade and show their support for the Medics and all our armed forces.

At the end of June, the council will be marking Armed Forces Day – look out for details in The GEM.

ices for thousands of customers. Of course, at times there can be problems and it is impossible for any council to please everyone all of the time.

What we can do is aim to please the majority and the survey clearly demonstrates that we are achieving our aim.

Public questions at council meetings
MEMBERS of the public will be able to submit questions at full council meetings from June 30.

Questions will need to be received by post or by email at least 10 working days before the day of the meeting and need to include the name, address and

Community order for mum whose children had to put her to bed

Report by AJ SICLUNA

A drunken mother, who neglected her two children to such an extent that on one occasion they had to walk her home and put her into bed after she had downed five glasses of white wine, was sentenced to a two-year community order, at Cardiff Crown Court.

After the incident one of the children said he "could not put up with it any more" said prosecutor David Thomas.

The 47-year-old woman, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, had admitted before Vale magistrates two charges of child neglect and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

The community order also involves a supervision order, and she was ordered to pay £250

costs. Judge Philip Richards said: "The important needs of the children and the defendant have to be considered."

He said references spoke of her in the highest possible terms and of the efforts she had made since.

There had also been correspondence from Alcoholics Anonymous and an alcoholism counsellor.

"The course I should adopt is one to enable her to put this behind her and care for the children."

He added: "It goes without saying, and you recognise it, that what happened was wholly unacceptable and you since regret it."

"Alcohol is a very invasive drug and can affect the best of people. I am sure you are sincere in your determination to overcome your problems."

He said she was a "thoroughly decent woman" apart from her problem, who had achieved high status in her employment which had benefited the public.

Mr Thomas had told the court that on January 24 police were called to the woman's home because of concern for her two children.

They told officers their mother had been drinking and, distressed, said she had returned home very drunk.

They also said she was verbally abusive to them and said she hated them,

and that they had not had any tea.

They were taken to a place of safety and their mother was arrested.

Later, one of the children said their mother had been "really drunk" and as they brought her home they became scared because she kept falling over. Eventually one of them said, with great difficulty, they got her to bed.

She said the neglect was "an error of judgement" and she didn't want to put her children through such an experience again.

She was said to have two previous convictions for child neglect.

Transport festival goes back in time!

THE annual Barry Festival of Transport will be held at the Hood Road depot on Sunday, June 6 (10am - 5pm).

Entry will be free and organisers say that on view will be classic cars, vintage buses, a novelty railway, a transport 'bazaar' and much more.

There will also be free heritage bus trips to Barry Island and the Vale.

A new book that will be a must for enthusiasts is being launched to coincide with the festival.

Entitled *The Motor Bus Operators of Before 1945*, it has been written by two local men, Viv Corbin and Chris Taylor.

Viv told The GEM: "This book is the product of many years of combined research by Chris and I into the early road passenger transport of Barry."

"In the 1920s, Barry had the largest number of bus operators in any one urban area in Wales. More than 100 bus owners tried to make a living between 1910 and 1945."

The book includes many rare photographs and images not published and will cost £9.99.

Housing survey seeks Vale views

LOCAL residents are being asked for their views on housing and rural life in the Vale.

As part of its Rural Housing Need Assessment (RHNA) the Vale Council has commissioned a confidential household survey and questionnaire.

A spokesman explained that the council will be looking to collect information on:

1. Type of housing that exists.
2. Proportion of households that own, privately rent or rent their home from the Council or a housing association.
3. Types of households e.g. families, older people, younger couples or singles.
4. Cost to buy or rent housing locally.
5. The financial capacity of local households (income + savings + equity).
6. Previous and expected movement into, within and out of the area.
7. Current affordable housing provision in the Vale of Glamorgan's rural communities.
8. Number of people in rural communities in technical housing need.
9. Local housing requirements – what local people need and want.

"This study will largely provide numerical information to inform the council's housing and planning strategies, but we would also like to get a wider sense of why people might move to or leave communities, what will make them sustainable

and attitudes towards the availability and development of affordable housing at a local level in rural areas."

The council is also running a Creating Rural Communities questionnaire on housing and planning strategies.

News from the Fonmon Apiary

FAIR weather and an abundance of oilseed rape in my locality, means that the bees here at Fonmon are now being into their stride.

The queens are stepping up their egg laying and, of course, drones (males) are now being produced. As each new season gets under way, drones are produced in order that they can mate with any virgin queens that may be in their area. This is their sole purpose in life; they do not have a sting and therefore cannot help in any defence of the colony. They have no wax-making ability; and they do not go out foraging at all. Come the latter part of the year, the ladies of the hive (the workers) will bump them off as they will not be needed at all.

Any drone that does mate with a queen will also die, as when the mating is completed, the queen bee will pull herself free and in so doing, will divest the drone of his reproductive organs, leaving him to drop to the ground and die (they mate on the wing). The

queen will repeat this process with many drones.

At this time of the year, swarming is an activity that the beekeeper may well have to deal with and, as it is the way that honey bees keep their species going, there is not much the beekeeper can do, except to hope he/she can sue it to their advantage.

The observant beekeeper will see signs which will indicate that swarming is on the agenda and hopefully will have a contingency plan to deal with this seasonal occurrence.

This month, Barbara Chick and myself will be attending a three-day queen rearing course in an effort to improve our beekeeping ability and knowledge. Thanks to the activity of the Varroa mite and other associated diseases, the loss of bees has become all too obvious.

Media coverage has brought about much interest in beekeeping and many aspiring beekeepers cannot obtain bees and get to grips with what is quite a fascinating hobby.

In the event of our queen rearing venture

coming to fruition, it is our aim to produce queens in enough numbers to enable us to start nucleus hives (small ones) that can be used by aspiring beekeepers to then start their own apiary.

Our hives at Dyffryn Gardens are progressing very well and thanks to the presence of large heather beds within the garden complex, the bees have got off to an early start. Oilseed rape can be seen in the locale and without a doubt, the bees will take advantage of the bounty it has to offer.

At Dyffryn earlier this month, Barbara and myself attended a symposium entitled 'Bees and gardens', attended by gardeners from many gardens throughout the country.

All have, or intend to, introduce honey bees into their respective sites with some form of public access and educational content.

All in all, this year seems to be going smoothly and Barbara and I are happy enough with the bees and their welfare to date.

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WE ALL NEED TO KEEP SUPPORT FOR OUR MENTAL HEALTH CARERS IN MIND



LEFT: The Rainbow Centre in Llantwit Major has launched a campaign to improve mental health care in the workplace.

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Business and Budget)

AS we address the pressures on our public services, we must put mental health at the forefront by standing up for people with mental health needs and their carers, who do not always have a strong voice.

This week is Mind week, and when I visited the Rainbow Centre in Llantwit Major on Friday I signed up to their campaign theme for 2010 'Taking care of business' urging employers and employees to make their workplaces more mentally healthy.

Each year, one in six workers experiences depression, anxiety and stress as a direct result of problems at work which can lead to life-long ill-health unless they are addressed.

The Travellers in Mind cafe and gallery at Barry Town station has been raising awareness all week with commuters on the importance of looking after your mental health.

The Rainbow Centre also has a relaxation session tomorrow, May 21, at 3pm. For further

information on the campaign, contact 01446 730792.

This links closely to the work of Hafal, who support patients and families recovering from serious mental illness with a recovery programme and support for carers offered in the Vale at the Amy Evans Centre. I visited their Road to Recovery VW microbus during the Hafal visit to King's Square in Barry last week. Many people were stopping by to enjoy the Caribbean theme of the exhibition but also to discuss their needs and concerns.

One in four people experience mental ill health, so there are very few people who are not affected. Like Mind, Hafal also campaigns to raise our understanding of mental health and to make sure government listens to those who need good services. The Hafal campaign includes a call to protect mental health services and to ensure that in future all mental health services are developed and delivered in response to individuals' care plans.

We have new Welsh laws coming forward to address mental health needs, and

organisations like Hafal and Mind, as well as all those who work in the NHS and local authorities in mental health services, know how important it is that we protect and develop these services.

Services for people who have dementia also need strong campaigns to ensure that needs are addressed and services improved.

The Health and Social Services Minister wrote to Assembly Members last week and gave a statement to the Assembly about the next steps for a dementia plan for Wales.

She has been liaising with the Dementia Task and Finish Group to discuss priority areas. These included:

1. Improved services provision through better joint working across health, social services, social care, third sector and other agencies.

2. Improved diagnosis and timely interventions.

3. Improved access to better information and support for people with dementia and their carers, including the need for advocacy and improved training for those delivering care.

As the Assembly Member for the Vale of Glamorgan, I have been very involved in supporting the residents and relatives affected by the proposed closure of the Bryneathin Care Home in Dinas Powys.

In March, the Vale Council announced that the closure of Bryneathin would not proceed as planned. I wrote to the Minister for Social Services, Gwenda Thomas AM, to ask for her advice about the proposed closure. She replied to me last week saying: "My understanding is that the authority's decision to close Bryneathin stands but will not proceed while it continues to meet the needs of current permanent residents who choose to remain there."

While I welcome the decision not to close Bryneathin for the residents remaining there in a care environment they are familiar with and benefit from, I have raised my concerns, as have the relatives, about the Vale Council's decision not to offer temporary contracts and respite for the many people with dementia who need these services.

It does not make

sense not to use Bryneathin for these purposes while it remains open.

We have requested information from the Vale Council about the total number of elderly mentally infirm (EMI) permanent and respite beds throughout the Vale. We await the reply.

There are many excellent services in the community provided by Crossroads and Red Cross. A recent visit to meet the Alzheimer's Society and their Vale group at the Age Concern Shop in Holton Road, showed how vital these services are to so many people, including those at a comparatively young age in our community, but a range of specialist services is needed with support for carers and advocacy as part of that provision.

Addressing mental health needs is likely to affect us all at any age, in our families and communities. We must stand up for those who do not have a strong voice as we seek to protect our mental health public services.

Bro Radio's Steve's birthday surprise ...and The GEM goes live!

LOCAL Bro Radio station manager Steve Powell celebrated his 50th birthday in style with a surprise visit to Cardiff Airport to broadcast from the terminal.

On his way to work, Steve received a phone call live on air from presenter Matthew Wilson asking him to turn around and head for the airport.

The aviation enthusiast celebrated his birthday by playing music in the terminal and chatting to passengers heading off to sunnier climates.

The presenter was given a birthday cake during the show and was taken on a tour behind the scenes following the broadcast, including a visit to the airport's air traffic control tower to meet the NATS team in charge at Cardiff.

Steve said of his visit: "I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the airport and it was great to try something different

and to do a live broadcast from such an unusual location.

"I have a passion for aviation and therefore was over the moon when I got the call to head for the airport.

"It was a fantastic surprise and a wonderful way to celebrate my birthday with all our listeners."

Bro Radio began transmitting on March 31, 2009, broadcasting a mix of music and chat for the Vale. The station reaches listeners in Barry, Penarth and other parts of the Vale.

GEM live on air!

Every Thursday morning, Bro Radio listeners can get a sneak peek at what is in the week's GEM when Gareth Jamieson joins Matthew Wilson to pick out highlights on the breakfast show just after 9am - so make sure to tune in!

CAT OF THE WEEK

Billy is in need of a home

BILLY is a six-year-old neutered male who was brought into the Cats Protection at Bryncethin centre because his owners were moving and couldn't take him with them.

He is a handsome chap with a lovely friendly nature and will make a fine family pet. He has lived with children, cats and dogs so

would settle very easily in a new home.

He has been with us since January because he was poorly when he first arrived, but has now been given the all-clear by the vet.

Billy is a big favourite with all of us at the centre and we would love to see him settled in a new home.

"For more information, call us on 01656 724396," said Bridgend adoption centre manager Sue Dobbs.

There are more than 250 cats and kittens looking for homes at the centre at Pant Hirwaun, Bryncethin, CF32 9UJ.



Billy has had the all clear

We welcome your news: email ggem@internet-today.co.uk

Do any GEM readers in the Vale hold a piece of Principality history?

THE Principality Building Society celebrates its 150th anniversary this year and the company will be marking the occasion with a series of

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'Appalled' by all the litter in the Vale...

LAST weekend, I walked to Cosmeston via St Mary's Well Bay Road, with a visiting friend, who is French.

He was appalled at the amount of rubbish he saw strewn around, saying that this would not be likely in his country and didn't the Welsh appreciate their

country enough to keep it free of litter?

Come on Wales, get your act together and stop spoiling what is essentially a beautiful country!

TAKE YOUR RUBBISH HOME WITH YOU, as I was taught to do and proudly still do. (Name and address supplied)

'We knew you were coming so we baked a cake!' – school says 'adieu' to Archbishop

THE chaplain to the mayor of Penarth, Canon Boardman, is no stranger to St Richard Gwyn Catholic High.

He celebrates Mass there for pupils weekly, but last week he was particularly delighted to join Archbishop Peter Smith of Cardiff for the leavers' celebration.

The highlight of the year for these pupils is always their Mass with the Archbishop and 'Canon Joe', and the cake with all their names on appears after the service.

This year was extra special, as it will be the last time Archbishop Peter Smith is with them – he is preparing for his move to the London diocese of Southwark.

For one pupil, it was also a treat to be able to eat the cake with his name on. David Lalonde is unable to eat gluten and is used to missing out.

However, catering manager, Nicky Edwards, has always made sure that pupils in St Richard Gwyn with



ABOVE:
'Canon Joe' and the Archbishop

special diets do not lose out and so she experimented for several weeks before to find an gluten-free recipe that David liked.

Nicky will use her expertise for anyone who asks her to make a special occasion cake with dietary requirements.

She is much in demand among staff for her superb wedding and birthday cakes.

The school chaplain also enjoys the dairy-free food on offer in the school dining room!

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Blood donors

THE Welsh Blood Service is holding donor sessions in the area next month.

June 1, Highlight Community Centre, Stirling Road, Barry, 10am-6pm.

June 8, Old Pioneers Hall, Beryl Road, Barry, 10am-12.30pm and 2pm-6pm.

Contact 0800 252266 or visit web page www.welshblood.org.uk for further details.

Second time in post for Penarth deputy mayor

A long-standing Penarth Town councillor has been appointed deputy town mayor of the seaside resort, three decades after he previously held the position.

Coun Anthony Ernest, who has represented the town on both the town and county councils, was appointed at the town council's annual meeting, the day after the General Election.

The Penarth-born councillor will deputise for this year's Town Mayor, Coun Paul

Church, at a number of functions over the year.

Anthony Ernest was born in the Plymouth Ward of Penarth, which he represents today. He is the chairman of the Council's leisure and amenities committee, which operates The Kymyn, Paget Rooms and Cemetery, and he also represents Penarth on the Cardiff Bay Advisory Committee.

Married to Gaynor, he has four adult children, and is active in tourism in south Wales, where he is a director on the board of Capital Region Tourism.

Two die in horror crash at Bonvilston



ABOVE:
The crash scene.

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after two men were killed when their van left the road and crashed into a house at Bonvilston yesterday (Wednesday).

The accident, which occurred at about 3.50am, closed the A48 between Five-Mile Lane and the Old Post.

A Vale police spokesman said: "The collision involved a single vehicle, a white Mercedes van, which collided with a stone wall. A 51-year-old male and a 21-year-old male, both from the Tamworth area, sustained fatal injuries.

"Their details will be released when all the next of kin have been informed," the spokesman added.

Fencing was erected around rubble that had spilled from the wrecked wall, and a single lane contra flow system with traffic lights had been set up along the stretch of road beside the house.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the roads policing unit on 02920 571600, or the non-emergency number 101; Crimestoppers on 0800 555111; or by visiting their local police station.

Museum plan gets Assembly recognition

PLAID Heritage Minister Alun Ffred Jones has told Assembly Members that talks are taking place between the Welsh government and the Vale Council regarding a feasibility study into a new museum for the Vale in Barry.

Alun Ffred Jones said: "I am aware that there is movement in

Barry to create a museum, as there is not one at the moment. I have recently had several letters regarding the proposal.

"My officials in CyMAL, Museums Archives and Libraries Wales, have been in contact with the local authority about a feasibility study."

For Dr Jonathan Hicks, chairman of the Vale Heritage Centre Coalition, the comments

have come as an encouragement.

Dr Hicks told The GEM: "I am delighted that our campaign has now reached national level and is being discussed in the Assembly.

"This is another important step forward for this project and underlines the strength of support for this potentially wonderful facility."

(There will be more on this story next week)

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YOUNG VALE MUSICIANS MAKE OXJAM CHARITY EVENT A BIG HIT IN COWBRIDGE



FAR LEFT:
Don played the blues.



LEFT:
Asha Fletcher-Peters performed a number of musical theatre standards.



ABOVE: Local children from the drama school 'Stage Camp' entertained the gathering.



FAR LEFT:
Amy was on hand to paint the children's faces.



LEFT:
Non played some of her own compositions.



PHOTOGRAPHS by ELEANOR ROLLASON

YOUNG musicians from around the Vale came to Cowbridge recently for 'Oxjam' a charity event to raise funds for Oxfam.

Professor Heidi Mirza travelled from London to comper the event and 11 acts in all, from classical to folk, played all afternoon at the Living Café, raising a grand total of £333.95.

The newly-formed ladies singing group, 'Belladonna' gave their first public performance at the Oxjam. They are due to give a full concert in Cowbridge Town Hall on Friday, July 2, with cellist Mary Elliott (tickets from the Living Café).

A spokeswoman for the organisers said: "Many thanks to all the performers who gave of their time and their talents.

"Also, thanks to Amy who kept the children entertained with her face painting, and to the Oxfam volunteers for their bucket collecting."



ABOVE: Mared Furnham played early classical music on the cello.

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'Provide the information and end cloak of secrecy' – says an Assembly Member

A Welsh Assembly Member has claimed victory over the Vale Council in a freedom of information row.

Following an appeal, Leanne Wood, the Plaid Cymru AM for South Wales Central, welcomed a ruling by the Information Commissioner that the council should release full information on the costs of employing education consultants.

She has now called on the local authority to end what she regards as "the secrecy" over the issue, following an investigation and a 25-page judgement by Assistant Commissioner Anne Jones.

Ms Wood lodged the appeal under the Freedom of Information Act after the Vale Council, while disclosing the £46,000 bill for employing two consultants Dewi Jones and Celia Butler in 2008-09, refused to say how many days each of them was employed for, and what each of them was paid, citing "commercial interests of other parties".

In her judgement, Anne Jones said: "The

council did not provide the commissioner with any firm arguments to support its view that the disclosure would be likely to prejudice the consultants' or the council's own interests."

She also pointed out: "There is a strong public interest in transparency in relation to the use of public money and ensuring that public authorities are achieving the best price for work that it outsourced to external companies."

She ruled that the council breached and incorrectly applied six sections of the Freedom of Information Act, including failing to provide the information within 20 days.

Anne Jones said the authority should provide the information requested within 35 days. Failure by the authority to do so could lead to the council facing High Court action.

The Assistant Commissioner also expressed concern that an internal review asked for by Leanne Wood took more than 50 working days to be completed.

She said that the review should not take more than 20 working days and in exceptional

by TIM CHAPMAN

cases no longer than 40 working days.

Leanne Wood said: "I welcome this decision by the Information Commissioner, who has ruled the public should be entitled to details of the way the authority spends public money."

"I hope the Vale Council will, as a matter of urgency, provide the information requested and end the cloak of secrecy."

"People have a right to know how much of their money the authority is paying for these consultancy services – was it £500, £750 or £1,000 a day?"

"At best it shows the council did not have a grasp of the operation of the Freedom of Information Act. At worst it will be seen as an attempt by the council to cover up what it paid consultants for a day's work."

The Vale Council's legal director, Peter Evans, commented: "Ms Wood was provided with a breakdown of the work undertaken by the consultants and the total cost. This demonstrated our commitment to transparency and public accountability, as it allowed Ms Wood to scrutinise the costs against the work undertaken."

"We had grave concerns with regard to release of further information. One of the consultants had written to us to say that they considered the release would breach the Data Protection Act and the bills submitted by the other consultant contained personal details including his address, bank account number and sort code. In the circumstances the council

would not have released further information without the authority of the Information Commissioner.

"Since the decision notice, the commissioner's office has confirmed that the bank details should not be released. The council will now inform the consultants of the decision notice and the appeals process with regard to the remaining information."

Mr Evans pointed out: "The Freedom of Information Act has been in operation for nearly five and a half years and in that time only four decisions, out of more than 1,500 requests received, have been made against the council by the commissioner."

COMMUNITY NEWS ST BRIDES MAJOR Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

TO celebrate the end of the 1939-45 World War, the Ewenny Community Council planted a tree on the grass verge in Corntown to mark the occasion on May 8.

Friends of the Heritage Coast held their Annual General Meeting at the Heritage Centre, Dunraven Bay on May 9.

The new audiovision room was open for display, membership of the Friends remains stable. It was reported that vandalism is still a problem in the area and the Quarella Stone parapet stones up in the castle grounds have been vandalised.

To conclude the meeting, Ranger Paul Dunn gave an interesting slide show of the work carried out by the Rangers along the coast and refreshments were taken.

It was noted that Paul is to run the Three Peaks Race in aid of the Macmillan charity and we wish him every success.

ON May 11, St Brides Major branch of the Mothers' Union was

host to the Bridgend Deanery Festival at St Bridget's Church with the St Brides Major Primary School choir. After the service, refreshments were served at the Primary School.

ON Ascension Day (May 13), children of St Brides Major Church in Wales Primary School took part in a morning Eucharist at St Bridget's. A Eucharist service with hymns took place in the evening.

WICK Horticultural Society travelled to the Malvern Spring Flower show on May 9, which is an annual event for the society.

AT the annual general meeting of the St Brides Major Community Council, new officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman - Geoff Gaen, Vice-chairman - Allan Morgan, and for the various committees.

THE funeral took place on May 17 at St Bridget's Church of Enid (nee 'Howe), late of Heol-y-Mynydd, daughter of well known and respected old family of the area. Condolences to all the family.

Barry College sets Venezuelan student on a new career...

A VENEZUELAN student has been set on a career in engineering with a Bridgend firm, after completing a computer-aided design course at Barry College.

Cristina Moreau came to the UK to study English after gaining a degree in engineering, contacted Barry College and enrolled on the computer-aided design (CAD) course.

"I've really enjoyed the course," said Cristina



Christina Moreau.

(26) who now lives in Penarth.

After the course, Cristina found work at Bridgend-based TB

Davies through Barry College, via the Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) scheme.

TB Davies started off as a small engineering firm six years ago that now employs 75 people and regularly features in the Fast Growth 50, a barometer of entrepreneurship in Wales.

It mainly designs and constructs ground support equipment in the form of access at height systems, cargo handling systems and passenger stairs for airlines across the world, and the Ministry of Defence.

Bridge clubs' results

VALE of Glamorgan bridge club, May 10:

1st Debbie and Simon Richards 66.25 per cent; 2nd John Henson and Geoff Tinkler 65.21 per cent; 3rd Sue Norris and Sue Summerhayes 60.21 per cent; 4th David Wright and John Raymond. 60.00 per cent; 5th Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox 59.17 per cent; 6th Mike Best and Kevin Maddox. 56.04 per cent.

COWBRIDGE BRIDGE CLUB MAY 11: 1st Terri Pollard and David Wright 59.92 per cent; 2nd Myrtle Hansard and Margaret Bancroft 59.52 per cent; 3rd Mary Thomas and John Ireson 56.35 per cent; 4th Sara Bartlett and Anne Hughes 55.95 per cent; 5th Pat and Brian Swain 53.17 per cent; 6th Debbie Rosevear and Mearl Owen 52.38 per cent.

Please note that the club has now returned to the renovated Llanbleddin Church Hall and reverted to the normal start time of 7.30pm.

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St Cyres girls' engineering award success

SIX talented female physics students from St Cyres Sixth Form were celebrating being awarded a top engineering prize, at a recent award ceremony held in the Celtic Manor Resort.

Competing against 55 teams from schools across south Wales, Rachel Davidson, Eleri Morgan, Ivy Li, Eheda Hassan, Teri Crooker, Becky Coombes and Cerri-Anne Santos took the top prize for the 'Most effective presentation of a solution'.

The Engineering Education Scheme in Wales teamed St Cyres with Barry-based chemical company Dow Corning.

Every three years, the plant has a complete shutdown, during which almost 400 control valves are dismantled and checked for

faults. Site engineer Stephen Morath challenged the girls to find a way to identify faults on these valves without having to remove them from the site or take them apart.

Their successful presentation of a solution earned the team a cash prize of £50 each and £200 for the science faculty.

The faculty director, Theresa Garn, was delighted with the girls' achievement:

She said: "This is only the second time we have entered this prestigious competition. We were delighted to achieve a highly commended last year, but the girls have raised the bar and excelled this year."

"They have gained invaluable experience and this accolade will undoubtedly help them with their future university applications."

Teenager shows 'remorse' over tablet possession

by AJ SICLUNA

POLICE who went to a house in Bridgend found a young man in possession of 10 ecstasy tablets, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Also found was drugs paraphernalia. Nathan Richards (19) of Maesteg accepted that the ecstasy tablets were for his personal use.

Richards had pleaded guilty before Bridgend magistrates of possessing the drugs and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

He was made subject to a community order, and a supervision order for one year. In addition,

he was ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work in the community.

Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones warned him: "If you don't comply with these orders you will be back here very quickly."

Richards' counsel Morwen Williams said: "He is willing to comply with any community sentence."

"It was not a large number of tablets and he has expressed real remorse."

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'A proud and emotional day' Vale policeman receives award from the Queen

ASSISTANT Chief Constable Bob Evans, who was born and bred in the Vale, has received a major decoration from the Queen.

Mr Evans received his Queen's Police Medal in recognition of a distinguished policing career spanning 28 years.

He told The GEM: "The investiture took place at Windsor Castle. It was a proud and emotional day - I was able to take my wife, son and daughter who have been such a support throughout my career."

"Afterwards, we had a convivial family gathering in London with my parents, aunts, uncles and cousins from the Vale."

Mr Evans' roots are

by TIM CHAPMAN



ABOVE: Bob Evans on the big day with his wife Ceri, son Lloyd, and daughter, Llinos-Wyn.

deep in the Vale. His father's family were from Llanharri, his mother's from Llyswoerney and he grew up in Gileston - his parents still live nearby - and he attended Llantwit Major Comprehensive School

He joined the police force as a cadet at the age of 16 and in his late teenage years walked the beat in Barry, Barry Island and Llantwit Major.

Mr Evans served as a chief inspector in Neath, and later held two divisional commands, Swansea North and Cardiff.

His career has meant working throughout Wales and England, and from 2001-2002, he

inspected 21 police divisions in the space of 24 months!

After three years as the police commander of Cardiff, he left in 2007 and graduated from the UK Police Strategic Command Course.

He was seconded to the Home Office in 2008 as an assistant chief constable in the action programme tackling knife crime.

He is currently an assistant chief constable seconded to the Ministry of Justice advising on policing matters and the relationship between the prison service and police service throughout Wales and England.

Despite working in London, Mr Evans' commitment to the Vale is as strong as ever - he serves as a governor at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in Barry

He said: "I am immensely proud of my Vale and south Wales links and I always take more than keen interest in what is happening there."

PACT meetings

CASTLELAND PACT, Civic Offices, Holton Road, on May 24 at 7pm.

ILLTYD PACT, Mount Sorrel Hotel, on May 25 at 7pm.

GIBBONSDOWN PACT, Communities First Office, Aberaeron Close, on May 26 at 3pm.

COURT PACT, The Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, on May 27 at 7.30pm

WICK/ST BRIDES Coffee & Chat, Lamb & Flag public house, on May 19 at 10am.

BONVILSTON Coffee & Chat, Red Lion Public House, on May 27 at 11.30am.

YSTRADOWEN Coffee & Chat, White Lion Public House, June 1, at 11.30am.

RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community Centre, on June 1, at 7pm.

ST BRIDES PACT, St Brides Church Hall, on June 2, at 6pm.

PLYMOUTH PACT, Brockhill Way, next to the Spar, on May 20 between 2pm-4pm.

CORNERSWELL PACT, Cogan Leisure Centre Car Park, on May 22 between 2.30pm-5pm.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT, TESCO, Penarth Marina, Car Park, on May 28 between 2pm-4pm.

STANWELL PACT, Stanwell Comprehensive School, on May 28 at 7pm.

DINAS POWYS PACT, Bethesda Hall, on June 7 at 7pm.

Family's tribute to Penarth 11-year-old: 'Glen was a wonderful, beautiful, happy boy'

A heartbreaking tribute has been paid to Glen Freaney, the 11-year-old boy from Penarth, who died following an incident at the Sky Plaza Hotel in Rhose over the weekend.

Glen's family said: "Glen was a wonderful, beautiful, happy boy; our family are extremely proud of him, especially for his achievements, despite his condition."

"It cannot be underestimated how much Glen was loved by all of us. He has deeply touched us during his time with us. We are all devastated by this tragedy."

The family added: "Glen will be deeply missed by all of us and will constantly be in our thoughts."

The head teacher at

Ashgrove School in Penarth Chris Britten, said: "Glen will be greatly missed by all that knew him. He was a lively character always on the go and interested in everything around him."

"His love of drawing led to a prize from the mayor earlier this year. Indeed, anything or anyone standing still for long enough would soon become part of Glen's art work!"

"Glen was at his happiest when playing outside on the bikes and scooters with boundless energy."

"He thoroughly enjoyed watching all types of transport especially lorries and fire engines, which would result in him jumping with excitement."

"Glen was a huge part of Ashgrove. He was mischievous and lovable and will be remembered by staff and pupils with great fondness."



ABOVE: Glen: "Mischievous and lovable."

bered by staff and pupils with great fondness.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Glen's family as they, like us, struggle to come to terms with our loss."

The police have provided trained family liaison officers to Glen's family while an investigation continues into the circumstances surrounding his death.

Detective Chief Inspector Richard Jones of South Wales Police

said: "I would like to appeal to the public who may have witnessed Glen at the Sky Plaza Hotel in the last week, to contact us, as they may hold vital information."

"If you have been a resident at the hotel, have seen Glen in the last week or you believe you have information relevant to the investigation, please contact us on 01656 679 585 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111."

A major incident room has been set up at Bridgend Police Station.

Glen's mother Yvonne Freaney (48) has been charged with his murder. On Tuesday (May 18) she appeared at Cardiff Crown Court where she was remanded to Bridgend's Caswell Clinic under the Mental Health Act.

The case has been listed for June 14.

Teddy bears for the high jump!

ST CADOC'S Church (Old village), Cadoxton, Barry is again holding a sponsored Teddy Bear parachute jump on Sunday, May 23, at 2pm.

Each participating bear will undergo a medical in the state of the art first aid tent prior to their jump to ensure they are fit to fly, and on safe landing will be awarded a well-deserved certificate of bravery.

All parachutes are provided. There will be a prize for the best dressed child's and adult's bear.

If you have a bear that would dare, sponsor forms are now available from St Cadoc's (Old Village) Church, Cadoxton, or telephone 01446 749689. The event will also include a barbecue.

The parishioners of St Cadoc's and St Mary's churches take part in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas child shoebox appeal, and last year were able to send more than 500 gift-filled shoeboxes to needy children in eastern Europe.

For some this would be the only gift received at Christmas time. We hope to raise as much money as possible to enable us to reach even more children this Christmas.

All proceeds from this event are in aid of the Operation Christmas child shoebox appeal.

CCTV arrests

CCTV, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, assisted with seven arrests and one missing person in the week ending May 16.

It contacted the police on 26 occasions, with one arrest made on May 14 involving possession of Class B drugs with intent to supply (Gibbonsdown, Barry).

Four arrests were made on May 15; the first at Holton Road concerned criminal

damage to a vehicle, while another was made at High Street, Barry, for a public order offence. Two people were also arrested at Holton Road over a shoplifting offence that had taken place the day before.

Two arrests were made on May 16 - over public order (Station approach, Penarth) and another involving criminal damage (High Street, Barry).

In addition, one missing person was found in Gibbonsdown on May 11.

Mountain climbers tackle a real charity challenge

GLAMORGAN Heritage Coast principal ranger Paul Dunn and estate worker Neil Baxter are pulling on their boots to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support by taking on the challenge of The Welsh 3000s.

Today (Thursday) they will be scaling all 14 Snowdonia peaks of more than 3,000 feet in just 24 hours.

The challenge began at first light from the top of Snowdon and should finish on the top of Foel Fras in the Carneddau, a distance of 26 miles (horizontally) and 10,000 ft (up).

They then have to descend from the sum-

mit and walk a further four miles back to civilisation. The pair are being supported by Neil's wife Deanne, who will be acting as their 'base camp' from the comfort of her B&B, and meeting them at strategic points with food, water and fresh clothes.

Paul is a seasoned walker but Neil's excuse is that this is part of his mid-life crisis on reaching the big 40 later this year!

Sue Pickin, fundraising manager for Macmillan Cancer Support said: "We are extremely grateful to Paul and Neil for under-

taking such a daunting challenge on our behalf."

Anyone wishing to support Paul and Neil with a donation can do so by going to their just giving webpages www.justgiving.com/paul-dunnheritagecoast or www.justgiving.com/Neil-BaxterOhNoNearly40

A fresh financial start after divorce - not as simple as you might think



Whilst getting a divorce ends the contract of marriage it does not sort out the financial aspects of your relationship. Agreeing a financial settlement is one step but unless you enter into a formal agreement (known as a Consent Order) and get a **Clean Break Order** your ex could make a claim for a share of your assets, property, income or pensions in the future.

Don't risk your lottery winnings or inheritance

Unfortunately, many people do not consider their situation to be complicated enough to warrant a Court Order so sort out matters informally between themselves. That's fine whilst you are still friendly, but you never know what might happen in the future and how you or they might feel for example when one of you enters into a new relationship, gets a big inheritance or wins the lottery! Even changes in house prices or the value of pensions and investments might change the way you or they feel about a previously agreed financial settlement.

All too often divorced individuals find themselves in the unwelcome position of having to deal with 'fresh' claims some time after separation. Even if these claims are ultimately unsuccessful, without a Clean Break Order in place, you will still have the cost and hassle of dealing with the application.

Agree yes, but get it in writing

The most constructive and cost effective way to reach any financial agreement with your ex is always to try to agree as much as possible between yourselves and family lawyers will certainly not discourage you from doing this. However it is imperative that, once you have reached an agreement with your ex, you take legal advice to ensure that agreement is turned into a Clean Break Order that binds both of you. In many situations, your lawyer may be able to do this work for you, at a fixed fee.

Without a formal written agreement your ex can make a claim at any time! Always ensure that there is a financial 'Clean Break' between you and your ex with a Clean Break Order.

To make matters even more complex there are circumstances where it may not be in your best interests to agree a clean break. Where children are involved for example or there's a large pension or investment due to mature. Sometimes in these circumstances a Deferred Clean Break Order can be used. As always it's best to take professional advice before making any decisions.

Free Initial Advice:

For advice on getting a financial clean break from your spouse, call Kathryn McTaggart on 0845 680 2507 (local rate) or email

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Sleepwalking their way into supporting the Ty Hafan hospice

THE atmosphere really began to build in the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff, recently.

No it wasn't a late evening rugby international – but a gathering of 1,000 pyjama-clad females readying themselves to start the Ty Hafan Midnight Sleep Walk 2010.

The girls from Curves, who had around 35 members from around Bridgend and the Vale taking part, put all the walkers through their paces to warm up their muscles for the rigours ahead.

In the minutes leading up to midnight, the noise

RIGHT: Hannah Wilcox, Leah Squibbs, Tricia East (from Curves Cowbridge and Bridgend).

of 1,000 ladies rivalled that of the crowd cheering the Welsh team on to the pitch.

Leading the ladies, all in flashing bunny ears and carrying wands, was Ty Hafan's own director of care, Jayne Saunders, who had been in serious training for the event.

One participant was Hazel Strickland, whose grand-daughter Olivia has been going to Ty Hafan for several years.

Hazel wasn't able to actually walk the route, but instead was being pushed around by Olivia's mum Tessa,



while grandad Gerry was outside the stadium, helping out as a volunteer marshal.

The walkers came from as far afield as Anglesey, Aberystwyth and Chepstow, as well as

from over the border in England.

"On behalf of the life-limited children, young people and their families who depend on Ty Hafan for comfort, care and support, I would like to thank everyone who took part in the walk, as well as our sponsors and event volunteers" commented Owain Cassidy, of Ty Hafan.

The event was sponsored by Foresters and Welsh Women Walking, a like-minded group of business ladies who recently scaled Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the charity.

Schools continue to pave their 'yellow brick road'

FOR many years, the Vale Council has promoted the national schools Yellow Pages recycling project, but earlier this year the national event was put on hold.

With the yellow phone books continuing to be delivered to the Vale, the council stepped in to make sure that the popular project still went ahead.

Coun Geoff Cox, the cabinet member for visible and building services, said: "Thirty five Vale schools joined the project, in which pupils brought old Yellow Pages into school and the council collected them for recycling."

"This popular scheme helps us promote the recycling message in our 'What's in your bin?' campaign, and on behalf of all the schools involved, I'd like to thank you for your support."

St Helen's Roman Catholic Junior School in Barry again won top honours in the scheme, with a total of 843 directories collected – with each pupil bringing in just under five books!

Llancarfan Primary School was delighted to



LEFT: Llancarfan Primary School pupils, who scooped the second prize

take second place with three directories collected per pupil, while Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School scooped the bronze position.

News of the schools' recycling success reached the Vale Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams, who was keen to meet the young recycling stars.

He said: "I was delighted to host a celebration event to recognise and thank the schools for their hard work. It was a pleasure to meet Vale youngsters so keen on recycling. Well done and thank you to all involved in the project."

For more information on recycling, visit the Council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/recycle; email visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or telephone 01446 700111.



ABOVE: Pupils from St Helen's Roman Catholic Junior School, who took first prize, with the Vale Mayor, Coun Emlyn Williams



Wick and Marcross Church in Wales Primary School pupils receive their certificate for third place from Mayor Coun Emlyn Williams

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Vale RESORT

The Holy Cross church promises 'special time'

ON Sunday, May 23, at 10.45am in Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, families are being invited to a "special time of fun and worship."

Canon Derek Belcher, Rector of Cowbridge, explained that it was very much a community event: "The church is a place where anyone can drop in and be accepted. Everyone is welcome to attend."

"At the end of the service, balloons will be let off to celebrate our personal joy on this occasion, and we will be sharing a Family Birthday cake."

Ernest and Hazel Coates are organising the event, with Canon Belcher and parish warden Pamela Roberts.

Hazel Coates said: "We really want to be available and support to families and individuals in our community."

Ernest has written a

song for the worship sung to 'Frere Jacques'. "I found it quite challenging, but enjoyable to recall the experience of that first Pentecost in suitable words that could be sung by everyone."

"The musicians are looking forward to playing for this event," he added.

The family service will become a regular event at the church. Pamela Roberts said,

"This is part of our working with and for the community of Cowbridge. We already have facilities for young children during the week and our Sunday club."

"Our Sunday evenings also feature an active youth club. You may have already heard about this, with young people being involved in doing community work in Cowbridge and Cardiff through Ignite Hope."

Island PACT call

PLAID Cymru's Dr Ian Johnson, is asking South Wales Police and the Vale Council to consider a separate PACT (Partnerships and Communities Together) for Barry Island.

He pointed out, "At present, the Island is part of the Baruc ward PACT, which includes other areas of the town's West End, including the Garden Suburb, Romilly Park, Knap and Harbour Road areas."

"The needs and concerns of residents of Barry Island are very different to other parts of Barry, so it is right that they have a forum which is more immediately responsive to those needs," he insisted.

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William just needs a patient owner...

THIS week: William. A spokeswoman reports "One year old William is a sharp and active little dog with a lot of potential."

"Sadly, he has been returned to us twice, due to his lack of social skills around other dogs. He has been undergoing training and is improving, but his new owners will need to be prepared to continue his training."

"He loves mixing with other dogs and will need further socialising with them on a regular basis; he just needs careful introductions."

Type of home needed: "He needs an experienced owner willing to continue his training and socialising. He can live with older children (14 years and over)."

"He isn't suitable with cats or small furries. His new owner will need to visit him a few times at



WILLIAM.

the centre and be prepared to undertake a few training sessions with him and the training and behaviour advisor."

Dog show

THE Dogs Trust annual summer fete and fun dog show is taking place on Sunday, July 4, at Margam Country Park (Twyn yr Hydd House entrance); 11am-4pm. Fun day out for all the family. Telephone 01656 724598.

Palmerston

school fete
PALMERSTON
Primary School is
holding its summer fete
on May 26 at 3.30pm.

Entrance is free and
there will be a bouncy
castle, pillow bash, face
and nail painting,
games, food and drink,
police dog show.

IN BRIEF

Everyone welcome.

Cowbridge**Record Society**

COWBRIDGE Record
Society will holds its
annual general meeting
at the Lesser Hall,
Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Wednesday, May 26
at 7.30pm.

The meeting will be
followed by a talk from
Richard Press, founder
chair of CRS and a for-
mer boarder at
Cowbridge Grammar
School. It will be a
sequel to the successful
talk he gave four years
ago on this subject, and
is entitled 'Dark doings
in the dorm!'.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT, 1990

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NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for
planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

HYSBYSIR trwy hyn i geisiadau gael eu gwneud i'r Cyngor am ganiatâd
cynllunio ar gyfer y datblygiadau canlynol:

Development in Conservation Areas Datblygiad mewn Ardaloedd Cadwraeth

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2010/00403/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Reconstruction of vehicular drive to front of property.
Construction of permeable gravel parking area to front of
property. Sideways extension of raised pool surround to
rear of property. Removal of timber fence to raised pool
surround. Replacement with a glazed guarding.
Llangedmor, 10, Marine Parade, Penarth

Location/Leoliad:
Conservation Area/
Ardal Gadwraeth

Penarth

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2010/00404/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Various extensions and alterations including two storey
side extension and rear conservatory
Buttress House, Bonvilston

Location/Leoliad:
Conservation Area/
Ardal Gadwraeth

Bonvilston

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2010/00439/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Proposed single storey garage
The Meadows, St. Hilary
Location/Leoliad:
Conservation Area/
Ardal Gadwraeth

St. Hilary

Listed Building Consent Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2010/00430/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Internal alterations to ground floor rooms
Springbank Nursing Home, College Road, Barry
Location/Leoliad:
Listed Building/
Adeilad Rhestredig

Grade II

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2010/00440/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Installation of photovoltaic solar panels- 5 panels to
main flat roof and 9 panels on tower roof
3, Pwll Y Min Crescent, Peterston Super Ely

Location/Leoliad:
Listed Building/
Adeilad Rhestredig

Grade II

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2010/00445/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Strip off existing roof of the old library, rear/repair right
hand ladder, felt batten over existing rafters after laying
250mm loft insulation, fix salvaged slates to front
elevation and fix Spanish cupra Grade A slates to rear
elevation
Parish Hall, Council Office, Dinas Powys

Location/Leoliad:
Listed Building/
Adeilad Rhestredig

Grade II

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2010/00446/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Renovation of war memorial
Dinas Powys War Memorial, The Square, Dinas Powys
Location/Leoliad:
Listed Building/
Adeilad Rhestredig

Grade II

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995 GORCHYMYN CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF (TREFN DATBLYGIAD CYFFREDINOL) 1995

Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd

Application No./
Rhif y cais: 2010/00413/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: An extension to the existing clubhouse facilities for an
indoor golf practise and teaching facility
Cottrell Park Golf Club, St. Nicholas
Location/Leoliad:

Full details (including plans) may be inspected during normal working hours for
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itself on being a
heartbeat of the
community, is in
one of the oldest
buildings in the
town.

Constructed in 1896,
much of the building's
recent history has been
to provide a social gathering
place for local people,
as the owner Sian
Thomas explained: "I
took it over with my
mother Hazel in 2007
and we've made a real
effort to make it a friendly,
welcoming pub for
people of all ages."

"Before we arrived, it
was the Holton Road
Sports and Social Club
and in the 80s and 90s it
was owned by the professional
darts player Alun Evans
and called the Alun Evans Club."
There are many regulars
who are probably unaware
of the reason behind Sian
and Hazel's takeover.

Sian explained: "I had
been diagnosed with
multiple sclerosis and
saw the pub as a way of
helping me to pay for the
cost of a drug called beta
interferon."

"Multiple sclerosis
affects the nervous system,
and can cause muscle
problems and a lack of
control, but I live with it
and battle on."

After moving in, Sian
made some immediate
improvements.
"We refurbished the
toilets, the red walls
were replaced with Irish
green and cream, and we
introduced leather chairs
and sofas, and captain's
chairs. We also had a
Welsh slate floor
installed."

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the first impression is the
warmth of welcome and
the cheerful banter
between everybody.

"We offer keen prices
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relaxed atmosphere and
are proud of our reputation
for being so friendly."

People come from all
over Barry."

O'Briens runs regular
fundraising events, the
next one being on
Saturday, June 5 for
Mind in the Vale.

But there's something
going on practically
every day.

"We have live entertainment
on Wednesday afternoons, Friday
and Saturday nights, as well
as 'Sound Sunday' with
a local band. On
Thursdays, we will let
bands practice and we're
looking for a resident
jam band for 'bandoke',
a chance for people to
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Liverpool regulars,
play the bonus lotto ball
on Wednesday.



"The skittles alley is
used on Tuesdays and
Thursdays and there's a
pool table which costs
50p and we run pub tournaments."

"We can cater for special
occasions such as
birthdays and anniversaries
and recently put on a
wedding reception with a
'knife and fork buffet' for
just £300!"
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event will be our 'Glee
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Talent' from 4pm to 6pm
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News in and out of class at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg



Off to

Patagonia
CONGRATULATIONS to three year-12 pupils, Steffan Griffin from Cowbridge, Georgina Griggs from Barry and Gareth Davies from Dinas Powys, who have been chosen to take part in Urdd Gobaith Cymru's volunteer project in Patagonia in October.

They will be working with young children and youth groups in Patagonia, and aim to raise £2,000 each to fund the projects. They have already started their campaign by selling cakes to hungry pupils and teachers.

More information on the project can be seen on the website pupils have set up at: www.lostresamigos.org.uk or by contacting the school.

Thrilling cup finals
THE SCHOOL'S year-7 and year-9 football teams both reached the finals of the Cardiff and Vale Cup for their respective years.

Year-7 were eventual winners of a thrilling game against Whitchurch High School.

A fantastic second half display saw Bro Morgannwg demolish Whitchurch's 2-0 lead at half time to come back with a resounding 3-2 victory, with two goals by Corey Price and one by Reuben Bryl.

The year-9 team lost a highly competitive final against Fitzalan by two goals to one.

Star speakers
FOUR boys from year-12 have progressed to the finals of Urdd Gobaith Cymru's public speaking competition this year in Cardiganshire.

Teams from all over

ABOVE: The winning year-7 football team with their trophy.

BELOW: The year-8 team were just pipped in the final.



Wales competed in preliminary rounds and the final three have been rewarded with places in the final which will take place in at the Urdd Eisteddfod in June.

Team members Steffan Griffin, Teuan Donovan, Gareth Davies and Jacob Elis were commended for their mature and intelligent responses by the adjudicator and applauded for the fluency of their arguments.

The adjudicator praised their knowledge of complex and current issues. Well done boys and good luck in the final!!

Elite athletes

THE SCHOOL'S athletes have started where they left at the end of last season, with phenomenal success at the Cardiff and the Vale Athletics Championships recently.

In the Senior Cup, the girls' team retained the trophy over Cardiff High School, while the Cardiff school claimed the trophy in the boys' competition, with Bro Morgannwg in second place.

There was victory for both the girls and the boys in the Middle Championship for years 10 and 11.

While the boys were the overall winners, the girls had to share the top prize with Whitchurch.



Garden talk
THE next meeting of the Cowbridge

Gardening Club will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, May 27, in the Lesser Hall when Mr Ivor Stokes will speak on 'The history and development of the National Botanic Garden of Wales'.

New members are

IN BRIEF

welcome.

Friends' service
ON Sunday, May 23, the Friends of St Lawrence at Lavernock Point, the medieval foundation and listed building on the coast between Sully and Penarth, will be holding a Whit Sunday

School's netball team says... 'thanks Mr Anning - our new kit looks just great!'

THE school netball team at Ysgol Sant Curig have recently been lucky enough to acquire a new kit (pictured on right).

The new shirts, skirts and bibs were bought thanks to a kind donation from Mr Steven Anning, a parent of one of the girls, who raised the money during one of his own sporting events.

This term, the team played their first set of fixtures for more than five years.

It was a slow start for the girls but a steady improvement saw them claim their first win of the season last week.

Teachers Miss Samuel and Miss Gruffudd have worked very hard with the team.

The girls are very pleased with their new kit and looking forward to wearing it at their next match!



Many thanks to Mr Anning for his generosity and his support.

A special thank you

must also go to Mr Bumford, another parent, whose financial contribution helped to

buy equipment for the school rugby team and also for playtime games.

RJ

Maendy YFC starts final countdown to Rally Day

THE countdown has begun to the Annual Rally Day of Glamorgan Young Farmers, which is taking place on Saturday May 29.

Everyone is invited to the Pencod campus of Bridgend College between 9.30am and 5.30pm for a day of fun and entertainment including competitions

and displays. There's something for everyone so bring all the family along!

Various competitions will be taking place, from craft exhibits, singing and dancing, to tractor handling and woodwork, not to mention the Tug of War finale to round off the day.

There is also a rally dance in the evening - tickets available to purchase at Rally Day only. For further information, contact county office on

01656 864488.

Maendy YFC are getting ready for the big day with weekly gatherings and practices, ensuring members are geared up for some top competition.

Recently, some club members enjoyed a weekend away in Torquay at the National YFC annual convention. Aside from the formalities of the AGM, there were three nights of entertainment and parties, along with competition finals.

A forthcoming event on this year's club calendar is the 70th anniversary ball on Saturday, October 16, at the City Hall, Cardiff.

Further details will be available shortly but to reserve tickets in advance or to contribute to the evening, contact club chairman Miss Natalie Lewis 07841 486440 (email lewis-na_86@live.com).

HL

Welsh call-up

THE annual Tri-Nations tournament is taking place later this month in Ireland, and a number of local young footballers will be representing Wales at under-16 level.

The boys in the national development squad are: Rhys James (Cardiff City) who goes to Barry Comprehensive; Curtis Watkins (Cardiff City) who attends Llantwit Major Comprehensive and Josh Yorwerth (Cardiff City) who goes to Ynysawdre Comprehensive.

service at 3pm.

The Friends' honorary chaplain, Rev Margaret Stark will lead the service, to which all are very welcome.

There is free parking in the nearby car park at the end of Fort Road, the lane off Lavernock Road leading to St Lawrence. Enquiries to 029 2070 7776.

School celebrates Europe Day in style!



ST DAVID'S C/W school celebrated Europe Day by taking part in a range of artistic activities in the style of European artists.

Everybody dressed up as an artist and was very enthusiastic. Each class

chose an artist and produced some very creative work inspired by Klee, Kandinsky, Miro, Mondrian, Matisse, Chagall and Cezanne!

A variety of activities took place, including weaving, painting and collage and a fun time was had by all!

COWBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Men bowlers are on song in Shield competition

IN the first of their two games last week, the Cowbridge Ladies team played Pengelli in the Rhondda and experienced the same arctic conditions that had troubled the men's team the previous week.

The match should have been played over 18 ends but both teams were pleased to finish after 15. Pengelli won the match by 54 shots to Cowbridge's 24.

There is a return match at the end of June. Cowbridge Ladies will give them a warm welcome. By then, hopefully, the weather will also have warmed up!

In the second game, a league match, Cowbridge needed a win after losing the first two league games. Playing at home against Cadoxton, Cowbridge won on all three rinks.

Joan Bradley's rink just edged it (19-18). Ann Jarvis's rink had a good win (19-14) but the quartet of May Jones, Sue Flower, Marge Smith and Helena Snelling completely overwhelmed their opponents (50-3).

The men also had two games last week. The first of these, a Munro Cup game, was played at Sully which the home team won by 72 shots to Cowbridge's 57.

Three of the four rinks had very close games and

Cowbridge gained 4 points by winning on two of them but any of the three could have gone either way. Straight bowls were effective as the bias had little effect.

Anything could happen and usually did.

Rink scores were as follows:

Byron Richards team 7-25; Roger Barwick team 16-13; Norman Wilkinson team 16-15; Dennis Snelling team 18-19.

For its Saturday game, the Cowbridge men's team welcomed Aberkenfig in the Carruthers Shield.

It was Aberkenfig's first visit to Cowbridge and their teams had difficulty adjusting their game to the

fast green.

Cowbridge won on all four rinks and by 115 shots to 50.

Rink scores were as follows:

Dennis Snelling team 21-16; Roger Barwick team 37-8; Norman Wilkinson team 39 - 10; Byron Richards team 18-16.

MB

BARRY ATHLETIC BOWLS NEWS

First team's big Shield win

BARRY Athletic Bowls Club's first team squad cruised through their WBA Carruthers Shield qualifier at Cadoxton with an impressive 99-55 victory last Saturday.

Highlight of the afternoon was the form of vice-captain and skip Robert Horgan, whose rink romped home to a massive 40-5 win.

Robert, an established Welsh indoor and outdoor international, was in sparkling form and inspired his rink, including lead Don Evans and newcomers Chris Wright and Dan Jones, two young bowlers who are settling well into first team action.

Wales Commonwealth Games bowler Chris Blake led his rink to a comfortable 26-9 win in a line-up that comprised Garry Gane, DK Williams and Ben Parrish.

The Athletic continue their Carruthers Shield competition at Bridgend Municipal this weekend, when the Island club aim to notch their third successive win in a bid to make WBA progress.

Scores: Barry Athletic v Cadoxton - S McKernan, B Wright, K

Harris, G.Thomas 12; D Evans, W Vaughan, H Craven, D Kuhnell 20.

D Evans, D Jones, C Wright, R Horgan 40; G Davies, D Tuck, G Jones, A Hatcher 5.

D Snelling, J Beanland, G Whittaker, D Rees 21; T Bishop, L Cundliffe, T Davies, K Chedguz 21.

G Gane, DK Williams, B Parrish, C Blake 26; P Ellis, W Eadie, A Carpenter, G Brown 9.

After an indifferent run of friendly results, the Athletic's 'A' team finally clicked and registered an 87-61 triumph against Barry Plastics at Barry Island last Saturday.

In a final warm-up fixture before the private greens programme gets under way this weekend, the Athletic produced encouraging form with skip Ivor Stevenson taking top rink honours. His rink of captain Clive Phillips, Barrie Turner and Graham Thomas, came home with a 27-12 scorecard.

There were victories for skips Colin Spillane and Dave Newman. Gareth Humphreys' rink, trailing 1-10 after 10 ends, made a strong second half comeback but eventually went down 15-17.

Romilly's 'A' bowlers gain good result

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club 'A' side welcomed Penarth Rectory Road Bowling Club 'A' side to Romilly Park on Saturday for their SVLA match.

The weather was dry and the green not yet at its best.

Bryn Gough's rink of D Bannister, C Davies and J Coles had a strong game against a good side.

However, it was the 10th end before Romilly took the lead due to the Penarth skip stealing the head with his second wood too often.

Bryn then decided to pass the mat to his opponents in order for him to have the last wood, a change of tactic which worked well. From this point, Romilly surged ahead to win the rink 18-14.

Vince McFarland's rink of W Hewitt, A Burge and G Whittaker also had a strong game and were never in trouble. They pulled clear from the 10th end and never looked back, for a fine 20-12 win.

Peter Hoad's rink of D Ford, T Bloomfield and L Jones played and scored well in this game. Once again, as a team they complemented each other with a red hot finish for a 22-17 win.

Bob Wyatt's rink of A Jones, K Westgate and P Denley drew the short straw and were pressured from the start. They were down 4-21 after 15 ends, but redeemed their pride with a strong finish on the remaining six ends, scoring 11 shots which secured the aggregate. The rink score was a 15-21 win for Penarth and the match aggregate was a 75-64 win for Romilly.

RH

DEDDF CYNLLUNIO GWLAD A THREF 1990 GORCHYMYN CAU PRIFYRDD (BEACH ROAD, MARCROES, LLANILLTUD FAWR, BRO MORGANNWG) 201-

HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN fod Gweinidogion Cymru yn bwriadu gwneud Gorchymyn o dan Adran 247 o Ddeddf Cynllunio Gwlad a Thref 1990 i awdurdodi cau rhannau o'r briffordd a ddisgrifir yn Atodlen 1 i'r Hysbysiad hwn. Os gwneir y Gorchymyn, ni chier awdurdod i gau'r briffordd ond er mwyn galluogi'r datblygiad a ddisgrifir yn Atodlen 2 i'r Hysbysiad hwn gael ei wneud. Bydd y Gorchymyn hwn yn peidio i bod yn effeithiol os daw'r caniatâd cynllunio i ben neu os ddirymir ef.

Yn ystod yr 28 o ddiwrnodau o 20 Mai 2010 ymlaen, gellir archwilio copiau o'r Gorchymyn drafft a'r plan a adneuwyd yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol yng Nghyngor Bro Morgannwg, the Alps, Gwenfô, Bro Morgannwg CF5 6AA neu gellir eu cael yn rhad ac am ddim o'r cyfeiriad isod drwy ddyfynnu cyfeirnod Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru CZ510-5-72-qA846497/1.

O fewn y cyfnod a nodir uchod o 28 o ddiwrnodau, caiff unrhyw berson, drwy hysbysu Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru, Cynllunio a Llywodraethu Trafnidiaeth 3, Parc Cathays, Caerdydd CF10 3NQ (gan ddyfynnu'r cyfeirnod CZ510-5-72-qA846497/1), wrthwynebu gwneud y Gorchymyn.

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M D BURNELL

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YR ATODLENNI ATODLEN 1

(Bras amcan yw pob mesuriad)

Disgrifiad o'r rhannau o briffordd sydd i'w cau o dan y Gorchymyn hwn.

Rhan o briffordd bob pwrpas ar siâp triongl ar ochr ddwyreiniol ysgubor segur (rhan o Village Farm, Marcroes) a elwir Beach Road wrth ei chyffordd â Ffordd Llanilltud gyferbyn â Castle Farm House sy'n mesur 14.6 o fetrau sgwâr a ddynodir yn ardal A ar y plan a adneuwyd.

Rhan o briffordd bob pwrpas ar siâp triongl ar ochr ogledd-ddwyreiniol ysgubor segur (rhan o Village Farm, Marcroes) a elwir Beach Road wrth ei chyffordd â Ffordd Llanilltud gyferbyn â Castle Farm House sy'n mesur 3.1 metr sgwâr a ddynodir yn ardal B ar y plan a adneuwyd.

Rhan o briffordd bob pwrpas ar siâp triongl ar ochr orllewinol ysgubor segur (rhan o Village Farm, Marcroes) a elwir Beach Road wrth ei chyffordd â Ffordd Llanilltud gyferbyn â Horse Shoe Inn sy'n mesur 267.5 o fetrau sgwâr a ddynodir yn ardal C ar y plan a adneuwyd.

ATODLEN 2

Disgrifiad o'r datblygiad arfaethedig.

Trosi adeilad fferm sy'n segur yn annedd yn Village Farm, Marcroes, Bro Morgannwg yn unol â chaniatâd cynllunio a roddwyd pan wnaed apel gan Arolygydd a benodwyd gan Weinidogion Cymru ar 23 Ebrill 2008 o dan Gyfeirnod Apel APP/Z6950/A/08/2063400.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

THE STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAYS (BEACH ROAD, MARCROSS, LLANTWIT MAJOR, VALE OF GLAMORGAN) ORDER 201-

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Welsh Ministers propose to make an Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, to authorise the stopping up of the areas of highway described in Schedule 1 to this Notice.

If the Order is made, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable the development described in Schedule 2 to this Notice to be carried out. The Order will cease to have effect if the planning permission expires or is revoked.

During 28 days from 20 May 2010 copies of the draft Order and the deposited plan may be inspected during normal office hours at The Vale of Glamorgan Council, the Alps, Wenvoe, Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6AA or may be obtained free of charge from the address below quoting the Welsh Assembly Government reference CZ510-5-72-qA846497/1.

Within the above mentioned period of 28 days, any person may, by notice to the Welsh Assembly Government, TPG3, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ (quoting reference CZ510-5-72-qA846497/1), object to the making of the Order.

Please note: Should you wish to object, support or make representations, we may need to consult with people and organisations outside of the Welsh Assembly Government. As part of the process of consulting with others the information you have given us and your personal data will be passed to the applicant/developer and on occasion the local highway authority to enable them to respond to you. We will, however, only disclose your personal details where it is necessary to do so to enable us to deal with issues you have brought to our attention. Where a stopping up Order becomes the subject of a Public Inquiry (PI), all correspondence is copied to the Inspector of the Inquiry and is kept in the PI Library where it is publicly available.

A copy of the draft Order and Notice can be viewed on the Welsh Assembly Government's website at www.wales.gov.uk (Select: Legislation/Subordinate Legislation/Draft Legislation/Draft Non-Statutory Instruments/Town and Country Planning Act Stopping Up Orders).

M D BURNELL

Transport Planning and Governance Division

SCHEDULES SCHEDULE 1

(All measurements are approximate)

Description of the areas of highway to be stopped up under this Order.

A triangular shaped area of all purpose highway on the eastern side of the redundant barn (part of Village Farm, Marcross) known as Beach Road at its junction with Llantwit Road opposite Castle Farm House and measuring 14.6 square metres identified as area A on the deposited plan.

A triangular shaped area of all purpose highway on the north eastern side of the redundant barn (part of Village Farm, Marcross) known as Beach Road at its junction with Llantwit Road opposite Castle Farm House and measuring 3.1 square metres identified as area B on the deposited plan.

An irregular shaped area of all purpose highway on the western side of the redundant barn (part of Village Farm, Marcross) known as Beach Road at its junction with Llantwit Road opposite Horse Shoe Inn and measuring 267.5 square metres identified as area C on the deposited plan.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of the proposed development.

The conversion of a redundant farm building into a dwelling at Village Farm, Marcross, Vale of Glamorgan in accordance with the planning permission granted on appeal by an Inspector appointed by the Welsh Ministers on 23 April 2008 under Appeal Reference APP/Z6950/A/08/2063400.

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IN LARGER PRINT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM TRANSPORT PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE DIVISION 3, WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT, CATHAYS PARK, CARDIFF CF10 3NQ.

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Guiding UK in Vale appeals for more leaders

THE Vale Guiding movement is anxious for more people to come forward as volunteer leaders.

The district commissioner for the Vale, Jane Rudd, told The GEM that nationally there were almost 50,000 youngsters on waiting lists, but there was a looming crisis in leadership.

She explained: "In this area, not only do we have girls waiting to join

but we have leaders who are leaving the movement for very legitimate reasons.

"In St Athan, Liz has run the Guides almost single handed for the last 30 years relying on parents to pop in and help, but she has to retire this summer.

"Jane re-opened the Brownies six years ago and re-opened the Rainbows last September, but she is the wife of a serviceman who is going to be post-

ed next summer.

"She has had nine different helpers who were all from service families and were posted away. Jessica came along last September to help with the Rainbows and stayed to help at Brownies, but she is off to university next September.

"In Rhosce, there are two Brownie units with one leader each and parent rotas. One of them lived in the Vale then moved to Cardiff but comes back every week

to open the unit and visit her mum."

Jane pointed out: "The situation for the Rainbow group in Barry is absolutely desperate; they will close at the end of May if no one can come to help.

"We need ladies to come forward to help us keep these units open. Guiding has so much to offer the girls and you would be amazed at what it could offer people as leaders. No qualifications are required, just

the desire to have fun yourself and help others in the process."

Rainbows are for girls aged five to seven; Brownies for those aged seven to 10; Guides are for 10-14-year-olds.

For more information, telephone 0800 1 69 59 01; e-mail joinus@girlguiding.org.uk or go to the website www.girlguiding.org.uk. For a local contact call Jane can be contacted on 01446 750645.

TY HAFAN WINNERS

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 618.

● £2000: 833888.

● The rollover, which now stands at £2,000 was not won this week.

● £10: 196889; 268448; 887678;

997619; 876541; 371065; 153641;

814501; 246970; 172705; 483660;

228320; 128731; 407734; 760093;

660197; 561653; 766357; 286419;

364162.

● £5: 869379; 430683; 541594;

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782579; 421532; 531484; 677300;

213902; 551566; 121056; 887328;

622034; 845997; 418954; 597777;

880731; 200998; 513543; 272267;

723705; 145188; 412789; 317535;

740294; 379227; 576301; 434614;

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772914; 164817; 252326; 752509;

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For lottery information, please call telephone 02920 672062.

BRACKLA BUSINESSES

THE HEART OF BRACKLA – RETAINING AND DEVELOPING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

ONE of those 'facts' that everybody seems to know about Brackla is that it

is, apparently, 'the biggest housing estate in Europe'.

It was a description, one suspects, that was coined as a bit of a put down,

intended to conjure up an image of an endless stretch of 'little boxes' – as the Pete Seeger song of the 1960s had it. Brackla is, of

course, nothing like that and it has always been a sought-after residential area, with good connections to the M4 an undeniable bonus.

Although it does have a population of 11,000 residents within its borders, it retains a sense of community, with the 'Triangle' at its heart.

In fact, as time has passed, more and more essential elements of a community have gravitated to the Triangle, with a GPs' surgery and a vets' practice the most recent additions.

This followed the arrival, in 1997, of Brackla Tabernacle, where the congregation moved into a brand-new purpose-built church building, which has a strong community ethos.

What is more, this sense of the Triangle as the hub of the community can only grow, now that the new Archbishop McGrath RC School is under construction.

When finished, the school will have 750 pupils, with the obvious spin-off in terms of extra customers for the traders in the area.

Because new schools are now being designed to engage more with their community, the new development will



Pictured above: The First Minister was a guest at the turf cutting ceremony for the new Archbishop McGrath School

bring extra sports facilities for use in the evenings and weekends, including an all-weather pitch, a multi-use games area and grass pitches spread over 8.1 hectares.

All in all, this means that the Triangle should continue to attract traders who want to offer their services, and customers who want to keep their own community vibrant by patronising local businesses.

Any family fancying a takeaway meal, is spoiled for choice at the moment, with cuisine on offer from around the

world. Essential services are well catered for, with the aforementioned GP surgery and veterinary practice, as well as a local optician and dry cleaners.

Health and well being are well catered for too, and this is an area of Bridgend well known to anyone keen on keeping fit, with both a mixed gym and a ladies-only on site.

Clearly, Brackla's Triangle is an area that is growing in every sense, both economically and socially – very much the heartbeat of its community.

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High flyer helps keep estate agents at top

A leading local estate agent is continuing to offer a five-star service to all its clients, after yet another member of its team gained a professional qualification.

Sharon Stephens MNAEA, has been with the Barry team, based in High Street, for just one year and her skills in this increasingly difficult industry have gone from strength-to-strength. Last week, Sharon sat the final section of the acclaimed Technical Award and passed with flying colours.

Many estate agents in the Vale, and across the whole country, felt the full force of the credit crunch and had to close their doors.

However, Chris Davies Estate Agents, with branches also in Rhosce and Llantwit Major, has not held back when it comes to investing in the training and development of their team.

Sales Manager Andrew Fenton, MNAEA/MARLA, told The GEM: "It has been a very hard couple of years, but we believe that the only way to move forward and keep delivering the level of service

we promise our clients is to make sure that our staff are fully trained.

"As a local agent with more than 21 years' history, we have plenty of repeat business, with people using us for a number of moves at different stages in their lives.

"They would not keep coming back to us if they didn't trust us. To me, that speaks volumes about our professionalism."

Sharon will now be assisting Andrew from the Barry branch in providing a five-star service and expert advice to all their clients.



ABOVE: Sharon Stephens with Andrew Fenton.

'Jekyll and Hyde' both in Barry!

AN international touring group is staging one of British theatre's most popular plays on Saturday, May 22, at Barry's Memorial Hall.

The European Arts Company is presenting *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, in co-production with Rhondda Cynon Taf Theatres, starring William Hartley.

For ticket information, telephone 01446 738622.

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Roadworks report

Plassey Street, junctions with Glebe Street, Ludlow Lane, Ludlow Street, Arcott Street and Windsor Road, Penarth – carriageway width restrictions.

Pontypridd Street, junction with Mount Pleasant, Barry – footway restriction in place. Gladstone Road Bridge to Barry Waterfront – temporary traffic control.

Crowe and Scott's Robin Hood hits the target...

THE chances are that if you haven't enjoyed at least one adventure of *Robin Hood*, riding through the glen with his merry men in tow, then you have most likely been hiding under the proverbial rock, such is the character's ubiquity.

Actors from Kevin Costner to Errol Flynn, and Jason Connery to John Barrowman have all worn the green felt and arrow to varying levels of success.

However, anyone who felt Costner's portrayal, replete with American accent, was the last word on the character will be enthralled by Ridley Scott and Russell Crowe's take on the character in the surprisingly titled *Robin Hood*, as the pair team up on screen for the fifth time.

Crowe plays the titular character, or Robin Longstride as he is known, an archer tasked with returning the crown of the slain Richard The Lionheart and the sword of Robert Loxley. Posing as Loxley, he discovers a ploy by the devious Sir Godfrey (Mark Strong) that will see French forces invading England, while also meeting the strong-willed Lady Marian Loxley (Cate Blanchett), abetted by his very own band of 'Merry men' (Kevin Durand, Scott Grimes and Alan Doyle)...

Much like the relationships between Johnny Depp and Tim Burton, and Martin Scorsese and Leonardo DiCaprio (formerly Robert De Niro), Ridley Scott and Russell Crowe have forged an alliance that has seen them hit great heights (*Gladiator*) and also lows (*A Good Year*), but it has been a relationship that has primarily afforded cinemagoers plenty of moments of entertainment.

Robin Hood marks their fifth team-up, and is a hugely entertaining, and somewhat revisionist, take on an age-old character.

If the trailers made it appear that the pair's take on *Robin Hood* was simply *Gladiator* with bows and arrows, then it is the folly of the marketing bods as opposed to any laziness on the part of

director and star.

Comparisons could be made loosely as regards the nature of the story – a returning hero treated with contempt by those he fought for – but it's a comparison that is stretching it. Instead, it is a film that takes a well-worn tale, and seeks something a little unexpected and authentic than the portrayals of the basic 'rob from the rich, give to the poor' character that mainly make up Hood's various incarnations.

Scripted by Brian Helgeland, whose ability to mine the grit and grime from a story is well-known, constructs a tale that is less myth and more realism, a prologue of sorts to Hood becoming an outlaw, and it's a clever idea that is well executed. Helgeland puts in far more subtext than you would expect, but that doesn't feel too forced or out of place.

In fact, Helgeland eschews action set-pieces for meaty scenes of dialogue, with only three action sequences of note. While in the land of action blockbusters this would be a hindrance, instead the script allows you to delve into the characters and storylines, making a far more substantial offering than a mere swords, bows and arrows film.

Discussions about high taxations and the folly of costly, unsuccessful wars in other countries may be more 21st century than 12th century, but the parallels are there, giving the film a feel of pertinence and context. While not using these themes as a broad context, it does add a little extra meat to proceedings.

With Ridley Scott in the director's chair, the film looks absolutely gorgeous as you would expect, the film shot with great care and attention to detail.

With the sweeping shots and tinted visuals, it is reminiscent both of his work on *Gladiator* as well as *Kingdom of Heaven*, but Scott brings more than just old ideas to the table.

He has shown little desire in slowing down his workload, and why should he when he can offer direction like this, giving the action sequences a grandiose visual identity while imbuing the quieter moments with an eye for shot composition; it may not be the director's finest hour but he shows more skill and deftness of touch here than Michael Bay has shown in an entire career.

While, at 46, Russell Crowe is probably the oldest person to step into Hood's tights, the actor does a predictably good turn, riffing on the noble hero intent on vanquishing evil but bringing enough substance to the role to make him feel

like a real character.

Crowe has enough nous and gravitas to bring the role to life, and his take on the character is less flash and far more serious than other versions. While his accent seems to have taken on a huge importance in the eyes of Mark Lawson, it isn't that huge a deal; certainly it adds to the authenticity that the film is going for and, yes, there are moments where it does slightly veer into Irish, but Crowe should be applauded for not going down the Kevin Costner route.

Around him is a cast of great pedigree that all do an excellent job. Cate Blanchett makes the character of Marian far more appealing, taking away the helpless damsel in distress routine, and making the character far more independent and stronger. As always, Blanchett is very good, locating the inner strength of a character struggling to keep her head above water as the pressures from outside threaten her way of life, and she shares a strong chemistry with Crowe.

Mark Strong is cornering the Hollywood bad guy market at the moment, and having been devilishly evil in *Sherlock Holmes* and *Kick-Ass*, adds another wonderful villain to his repertoire with Sir Godfrey.

While suffering from a lack of explanation (a plight that also affects several other characters), Strong still manages to make the character reprehensible, playing off the English and the French while relishing the opportunity to take the money of landowners – yet again. Strong shows the bad guys of film how it is done.

While Oscar Isaac does snivelling and gutless with aplomb as Prince John, William Hurt and Eileen Atkins bring weight to their performances, and while Kevin Durand, Scott Grimes and Alan Doyle, as the 'merry men', and Matthew Macfadyen as the sheriff of Nottingham, offer up enjoyable turns, they aren't used enough, nor given enough in their characters, to really factor.

That is one of the weaknesses of the film, that Robin, Marian and Sir Walter Loxley (a nice cameo from Max Von Sydow) aside, the characters aren't given enough motivation; the reasons for Sir Godfrey's actions are never explained, the sheriff is completely sidelined (though that may be another way of distancing this version from others) and the background of the 'merry men' is lacking – though no doubt this will be remedied in the sequel the ending broadly cries out for

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

Based on these adventures, it is a film that will hopefully live up to its entertaining opening instalment – what *Robin Hood* lacks in derring-do it certainly makes up for in brains and brawn, and makes for a hugely satisfying experience.

VERDICT – Another successful outing for the Ridley Scott/Russell Crowe team, *Robin Hood* lays down the framework for a franchise while being an entertaining venture on its own terms.

With Scott's epic direction and strong turns from a distinguished cast, the decision to revise the history of the character is one that works in spades – and gets bonus points for not having (Everything I Do) I Do It For You over the end credits! *Recommended.*

Major investment in library services is announced...

LIBRARIES and museums in the Vale and Bridgend are to get more than £432,000 worth of grants from the Welsh Assembly Government.

The money is part of a £4 million package to develop the work of libraries, museums and archives throughout Wales, announced by Minister for Heritage Alun Ffired Jones.

The grant funding supports a range of projects that vary from large scale modernisation of public library buildings to supporting volunteer-run museums.

Cowbridge Library is to receive £299,886 for refurbishment and modernisation.

Bridgend Library Service receives a grant of £22,000 to continue work in developing learners' skills and a grant of £18,031 to support the innovative Books4U project that enables the public to borrow books from libraries across south east Wales.

The Vale of

Glamorgan Library Service receives a grant for £65,000 to lead on co-ordinating the work of a regional library development officer to promote partnership working between libraries in South East Wales to promote improved public access to the libraries in the partnership. It will also receive a grant of £28,236 for a project to develop the delivery of their services.

Alun Ffired Jones said: "I am delighted to announce these investments which will improve public access to the rich collections of our local museums, archives and libraries.

"These grants will help museums and archives across the country to enhance their work in preserving and presenting our heritage through conservation work, and developing new exhibitions, online resources and educational activities that will bring the collections alive for a new generation of people."

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS NEWS

Scenic stroll from Dunraven bay on to Heol-y-Mynydd

RECENTLY, on a rather unsettled morning, 15 walkers joined Val Williams for a trip down to Dunraven, which is part of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast that stretches for 14 miles from Atherthaw to Porthcawl.

They began from above Dunraven bay, a sand and pebble beach backed up by red sandstone cliffs that contain many unique fossils which have been exposed by the constant bashing of the sea.

On the opposite side of the coastline lies Trwyn-y-Witch or Witch's Point where an ancient Iron Age Hill fort stood, but the area is really dominated by the ruins of Dunraven Castle.

The castle was really a fortified manor and was used by the Glamorgan Red Cross as a hospital during both world wars. It was demolished in 1962 for safety reasons and now only the only evidence of its history is the walled garden that has been refurbished.

The Welsh Assembly Government have a scheme in place called Tir Gofal, which enables members of the public to



enjoy the delights of the countryside through using paths that have been opened up by permission of the landowner.

The group followed part of the Tir Gofal track to the gatehouse of Dunraven Castle before descending to Pant y Slade.

Making their way up past Pool Farm, they reached Picot Pool that fills up from springs and surface water and was responsible for serving the local community with their water until piped water was fully established.

From St Brides Major, the group crossed fields to the small hamlet of Castle-upon-Alun. Here, the lovely old stone packhorse or clapper bridge as it is known – from the noise the hoofs of the horses made as they crossed – stands

guard over the River Alun.

The group made their way to the nature reserve of Coed y Bwl, renowned for the thousands of wild daffodils or Twm Dilies as they are locally known that are on show each spring.

Having disappeared, the ground was covered with wood anemones and bluebells and well worth the visit before the group stopped for coffee nearby.

Crossing the clapper bridge and the railway line, the group made their way to Wallas Farm where they joined the bridge path that led them back across the Alun River by means of stepping stones.

A steep climb followed in order to reach Castle Down and lunch in the shelter of gorse bushes to keep out of the strong cool wind blow-

ing across Ogmore Down.

From the highest point of their walk, as visibility was good, they had terrific views of the surrounding countryside before moving via Beacons Down to the small hamlet of Heol-y-Mynydd. At Groes Farm, they followed the bridge-way back to the coast and walked the cliff top back to their cars.

The second summer evening walk will leave the Blue Anchor car park at 7pm on May 20 for a 3-mile easy walk at the East Atherthaw Nature Reserve and the salt flats; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

How to make your text look professional

DO you sometimes wish that you could make the documents you print a little more exciting? Perhaps a bit easier to read? There are those who would like to do it, but can't spare the time to do all the formatting to achieve the desired result. Help is on the screen.

Previously, I explained how a spreadsheet is a tool that could save an enormous amount of work, especially if you have to use lots of numbers. See our website notes on penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

The great labour-saving device mentioned in the bit about formatting cells within a spreadsheet also applies to text in documents and Autoshapes (more about Autoshapes later). It is a button called the Format Painter.

When writing a document you can make some of the text bold, italic, underlined, coloured, larger, smaller, a different typeface or any combination of the above. This is done by a series of clicks to highlight the text, then, for

example, click on **Format>font**, then select the font, font style and size and click OK.

This enables you to give variety to the appearance of your writing or to stress the importance of some of the words.

In the same way you can alter the spacing between the lines or whether the writing is aligned to the left, to the right or centred.

Let's say that you have done a lot of typing and then decide that you would like to re-style several bits of it to match a section that you spent some time adjusting to get it just as you wanted it. The last thing you fancy doing is repeating all the work you did to set up the special appearance. You don't have to work so hard.

Simply click on any piece of the already-formatted text; click on the **Format Painter** button on the standard toolbar (it shows a paintbrush) and then highlight the text you want to paint. That text instantly takes on all the attributes of the original selection. The **Format Painter** is automatically cancelled.

If, however, you want to repeat the process many times, then dou-

ble-click on the **Format Painter** button and it will continue to paint new text until you click on it again to cease painting.

The Autoshapes I mentioned are available from the **Drawing Toolbar**. To open the **Drawing Toolbar** right-click on a blank part of any toolbar and select **Drawing**, from the list that drops down. The **Drawing Toolbar** will appear at the bottom of the window.

Autoshapes provide a selection of lines, connectors, stars, banners, flow-chart shapes and more. They are wonderfully customisable and can be formatted extensively. They can be used in a simple way or combined to make complex drawings and the **Format Painter** can also be used to great effect. I suggest that you explore the possibilities even if it is just for fun.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 25. Kevin will be looking at how Windows 7 is performing six months after its release. Visitors and new members always welcome. For more information ring me on 029 20708439.

HOWARD DESMOND

Pentecost weekend

HOLY TRINITY Presbyterian Church, Barry, will be open on Saturday, May 22 from 10am-12noon for a time of reflection and mediation, to celebrate Pentecost.

Everyone welcome.

Out and About with The GEM

Bugsy Malone is heading to Penarth!



Art AGM
THE annual general meeting of Cowbridge Art Society will take place on Thursday May 27, at 7pm in Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge.

ABOVE: The cast of Bugsy Malone, which is heading for the Paget Rooms, Penarth from June 16-19.

BUGSY MALONE will be staged at the Paget Rooms, Penarth, from June 16-19 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 and £6, available from box offices at 'A & A' Dancewear, Park Crescent, Barry, and 'Copy-It' Holton Road, Barry. (For further information, call 01446 400055).

Lifesaving lottery prizes

THE top three winners in the May 14 draw of the Lifesaving lottery, from Wales Air Ambulance were:

£1,000 winner - Mrs J Vidler: Bangor Iscoed, Wrexham (LL70913); £200 Winner - Mr M Elson, Maesteg, Bridgend (LL45696); £100 Winner - Mr I Deacon, Pencoe, Bridgend (LL28733).

A spokeswoman stated: "The Lifesaving lottery supports the work of Wales Air Ambulance, with guaranteed cash prizes of up to £1,000 every week."

"The scheme has become a vital part of

fundraising for the charity. Thousands of pounds are raised by paying just £1 a week, and comprises a massive 1/3rd of the support received to keep helicopters in the air."

To join the Lifesaving lottery, call 0844 85 84 999 or visit www.wales-airambulance.com for more information and to view the latest lottery results.

TABLE SALE

WENVOE WI is hosting a table top sale at the Community Centre in Wenvoe on Saturday, May 22 from 10.30am-12 noon.

WI cake stall, plants, bric-a-brac, Phoenix Cards, woodcraft, produce etc. raffle. Admission 50p. Includes tea and biscuits.

Vale beaches keep the Blue Flag flying high!

WHITMORE Bay (Barry Island) and Penarth Marina are celebrating - after retaining Blue Flag awards this year.

The coveted award for top class beaches and marinas was established in France in the late 1980s, and is managed in Wales on behalf of the Denmark-based Foundation for Environmental Education by Keep Wales Tidy.

A Vale Council spokeswoman said: "Beaches are judged against 30 criteria, which means that Barry Island will have met strict conditions, such as the highest water quality mark, strict litter management, dog control, visitor safety and sustainable environmental ethics."

"Penarth Marina is

one of only five marinas across Wales to receive the honour. Marinas are judged on 16 land-based criteria, including adequate waste reception facilities, provision of life-saving equipment and a written commitment to safeguard local environments."

Council leader, Councillor Gordon Kemp, commented: "This is wonderful news for the Vale, especially as we have managed to retain both flags for another year. This is a clear indication of how dedicated our staff are to maintaining the high quality of our beaches and Penarth Marina and I would like to extend thanks to them for all their hard work."

Actors' fundraising gig

YOUNG actors from the Bridgend Youth Theatre (BYT) are planning a night of entertainment in the Stage Door venue at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, as a fundraiser for the company.

As the BYT are currently rehearsing the musical *Sweeney Todd* - a highly-disciplined and intense production - the fundraising night is planned as a chance for the cast to let their hair down and do their own thing... The evening takes place on Wednesday, June 9, and tickets are available from the Grand Pavilion box office on 01656 815995.

Author's work helps Ty Hafan

A LOCAL author has just published his third collection of short stories and poems - and once again a popular local charity will benefit.

Brynmor Evans is a retired British Steel ambulance driver, and his two previous books were published to raise funds for Macmillan Nurses and the Sandville Self-help Centre respectively.

His latest book (costing £3 with £1 going to the charity) will benefit Ty Hafan children's hospice.

The book is available from Brynmor (telephone 01656 742008) and can also be bought at Arlene's Florist or Jeff Kent (barber) in Kenfig Hill, and at Cornelly Hardware Stores.

Sponsored bicycle ride and barbecue to power a charity

PEDAL POWER, Cardiff's leading cycling charity, making cycling accessible to people of all ages and abilities, is holding its annual sponsored bicycle ride followed by a barbecue on Saturday, June 19 to raise funds for the organisation.

There is a choice of three routes: setting your own distance around Pontcanna Park; riding along the Taff Trail to Tongwynlais and back (12 miles); or cycling from Brecon to Pontcanna (52 miles).

Transportation to Brecon inclusive of bicycles is provided. With only a few weeks left it is essential to register for your sponsorship pack and any bicycles you may need for the day by ringing 02920 390713.

Pedal Power is a charity that aims to make cycling accessible for all ages and abilities with a wide range of specialised and accessible bikes available for hourly, daily and weekly hire.

For further information on Pedal Power, log onto www.cardiffpedalpower.org.

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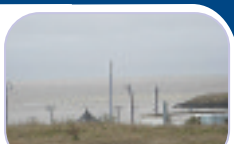


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A4226 - "FIVE MILE LANE"

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The Vale of Glamorgan Council is in receipt of a Principal Road Grant from Welsh Assembly Government

We would like to know your views about the A4226 – Five Mile Lane which links Barry at the Waycock Cross Roundabout with the A48 at Sycamore Cross.

You can do this by completing the questionnaire opposite which is to be returned to the FREEPOST address stated or by visiting the Council's website **www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk** and following the links to the online questionnaire.

You may contact the Council's OneVale contact centre on 01446 700111 or by email to **visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk** for further information

The consultation process is to get your views about this road and to explore the basis for possible solutions should problems be established.

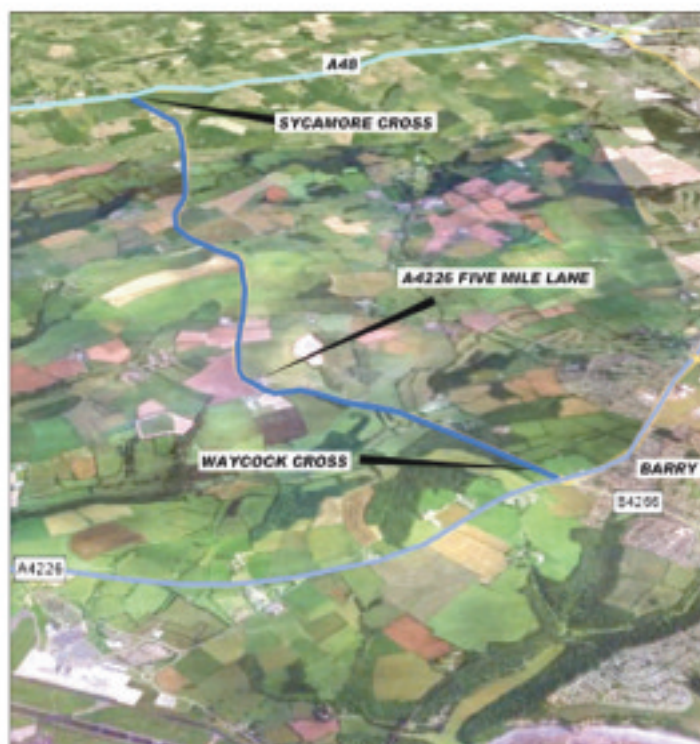
Please complete the questionnaire on the page opposite with relevant ticks and adding any additional comments which may be continued on a separate sheet of paper.

Access to Information

The Vale of Glamorgan Council will use the questionnaires to develop ways to improve transport in and around the Five Mile Lane corridor. The questionnaires will be disposed of securely after they have served this purpose.

A summary of the responses to the consultation will be published.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 2000, (Fol) and Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs) which means that the questionnaires may be released in response to a request for information. However, all personal data will be treated in line with our obligations under the Data Protection Act, 1998.



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
A4226 - FIVE MILE LANE
PUBLIC CONSULTATION INFORMATION AND QUESTIONNAIRE



For any of the questions you may continue your response on separate paper if necessary.

Question 1 Do you consider that the Five Mile Lane presents problems to:

A Motor vehicle drivers?

B Pedestrians?

C Cyclists?

D Horse riders?

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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E Others? Please describe

Question 2

If you consider that there are any problems on Five Mile Lane.

(Please tick those that apply)

(Please describe briefly)

A Problems at Waycock Cross Roundabout?

B Problems at Sycamore Cross Junction?

C Lack of overtaking possibilities over most of the route?

D Lack of facilities for pedestrians?

E Lack of facilities for cyclists?

F Lack of facilities for horse riders?

G General safety for the travelling public?

H Other. Please describe

Question 3 Which measures would you see as helping to address the problems identified in Question 2? **Tick all that apply**

A Improved bus services

B Park and ride facilities

C Park and share facilities

D Pedestrian and cycling facilities

E Community Transport

F Improvement of visibility

G Other, please describe

Question 4 Which of the following **best** describes your interest in the study? **Tick all that apply**

A I am a regular traveller along Five Mile Lane

B I am an occasional traveller along Five Mile Lane

C I am a local resident (e.g. I live along the route or in Moulton, Walterston, Dyffryn or other community near the route) ...

D I own / lease land along the corridor of the Five Mile Lane

E I am a tourist or a visitor to the area

F Other interest. Please describe.

Question 5 If future works are identified for Five Mile Lane, please list **3** factors in order of importance (**1** being most and **3** being least) which should be taken into account when developing a solution

A Impact on residential property

B Impact on landscape

C Impact on farms and businesses

D Protection of wildlife

E Access for tourism

F Improved facilities for non-motorised users

G Other. Please describe.

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Please print your name, address and post code in CAPITALS.

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Question 6 Please add any other comments you may have

For your protection and privacy, please refer to the Access to Information, Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations clauses on the previous page

Please return the questionnaire by Friday 28th May 2010 to:

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Vale of Glamorgan Council

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CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG**A4226 – FIVE MILE LANE****GWYBODAETH A HOLIADUR AR GYFER YMGYNGHORIAD CYHOEDDUS**

Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg wedi cael Grant Prif Ffyrdd oddi wrth Lywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru.

Hoffem felly gael gwybod eich barn am brif ffordd A4226, sef Five Mile Lane, sy'n cysylltu'r Barri â phrif ffordd A48 yn Sycamore Cross wrth gylchfan Waycock Cross.

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Cewch ffonio canolfan gyswilt y cyngor ar 01446 700111 neu anfon neges e-bost i **visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk** am fwy o wybodaeth, a dylech anfon yr holiadur yn ôl **cyn dydd Gwener 28 Mai 2010** un ai **yn yr amlen RADBOST** neu ar-lein drwy fynd i **www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk**

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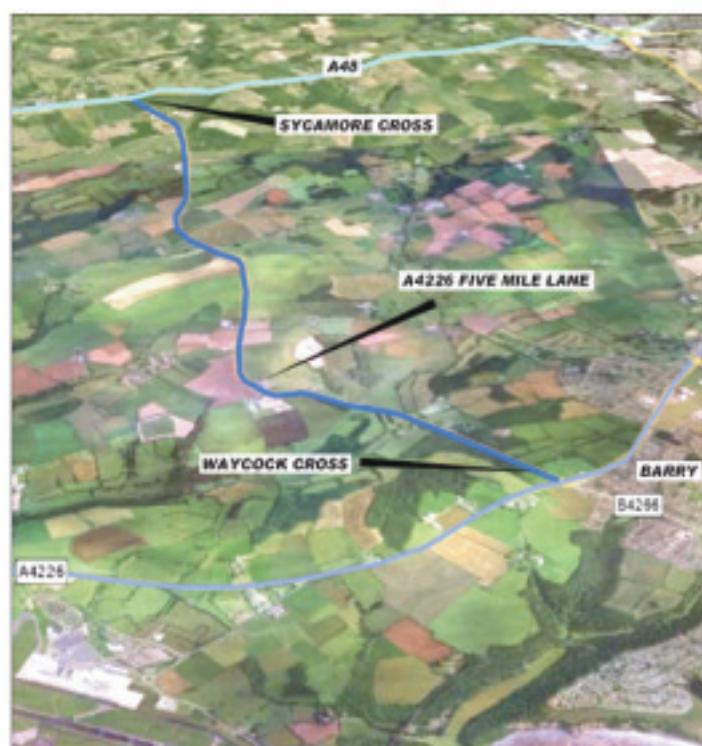
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Gofynnwn i chi lenwi'r holiadur ar y dudalen gyferbyn drwy dicio'r blychau perthnasol ac ychwanegu'ch sylwadau'ch hun gan ddefnyddio dalen ychwanegol o bapur os bydd angen.

Hawl i wybodaeth

Bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn defnyddio'r holiaduron er mwyn pwyso a mesur sut orau i wella trafndiaeth yng nghoridor Five Mile Lane a'r cyffiniau. Pan fydd yr holiaduron hyn wedi ateb eu diben, byddwn yn cael gwared ohonynt mewn ffordd gwbl ddiogel.

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CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG**A4226 – FIVE MILE LANE****GWYBODAETH A HOLIADUR AR GYFER YMGYNHORIAD CYHOEDDUS**

Cewch orffen unrhyw un o'ch atebion ar ddalen ychwanegol o bapur os bydd angen.

Cwestiwn 1 – Ydych chi'n meddwl y gallai Five Mile Lane achosi problemau i'r grwpiau hyn?

A Gyrwyr cerbydau?

B Cerddwyr?

C Seichwyr?

Ch Marchogion ceffylau?

YDW	NAC YDW

D Grwpiau eraill? - Rhowch fanylion

Cwestiwn 2 - Os ydych yn teimlo bod problemau yn Five Mile Lane,

Ticiwch bopeth sy'n berthnasol.

Rhowch ddisgrifiad bras

A Problemau wrth gylchfan Waycock Cross ...

B Problemau wrth gyffordd Sycamore Cross

C Does dim lle ar y rhan fwyaf o'r heol i oddiweddyd ..

Ch Diffyg cyfleusterau i gerddwyr ...

D Diffyg cyfleusterau i seichwyr ...

Dd Diffyg cyfleusterau i farchogion ceffylau ...

E Mae'n bygwth diogelwch cyffredinol teithwyr

F Problemau eraill. Rhowch fanylion

Cwestiwn 3 - Beth a allai ddatrys y problemau yng nghwestiwn 2, yn eich barn chi? **Ticiwch bopeth sy'n berthnasol.**

A Gwellu gwasanaethau byslau

B Darparu cyfleusterau 'parcio a theithio'

C Darparu cyfleusterau 'parcio a rhannu'

Ch Darparu cyfleusterau ar gyfer seichwyr a cherddwyr

D Darparu trafnidiaeth gymunedol

Dd Sicrhau ei bod yn haws gweld wrth deithio ymlaen

E Camau eraill. Rhowch fanylion

Cwestiwn 4 - Pa un o'r gosodiadau canlynol sy'n egluro orau pam yr ydych wedi ymddiddori yn yr astudiaeth? **Ticiwch bopeth sy'n berthnasol.**

A Bydda' i'n teithio ar hyd Five Mile Lane yn rheolaidd ...

B Bydda' i'n teithio ar hyd Five Mile Lane o bryd i'w gilydd

C Rwy'n byw yn yr ardal (sef wrth ymyl yr heol neu ym Moulton, Trewallter, Dyffryn neu gymuned arall sy'n agos i'r heol)

Ch Rwy'n berchen ar dirrhentu tir yng nghoridor Five Mile Lane ...

D Rwy ar wyliau yn yr ardal/rwy'n ymweld â'r ardal

Dd Rheswm arall. Rhowch fanylion.

Cwestiwn 5 - Petai gwaith yn Five Mile Lane yn y dyfodol, pa 3 ffactor y dyd eu hystyried wrth benderfynu sut i fwrw ymlaen, yn eich barn chi? (Nodwch y rhain yn nhrefn pwysigrwydd gan ddodi 1 ar bwys y ffactor pwysicaf a 3 ar bwys y ffactor lleiaf pwysig).

A Yr effaith ar eiddo'r trigolion

B Yr effaith ar y dirwedd

C Yr effaith ar ffermydd a busnesau

Ch Yr angen am warchod bywyd gwyllt

D Mynediad i ymwelwyr ...

Dd Cyfleusterau ar gyfer pobl heb geir ...

E Ffactor arall. Rhowch fanylion.

Enw:

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Cwestiwn 6 – Gnewch unrhyw sylwadau eraill yma.

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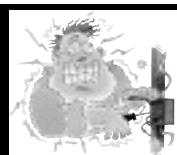
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Llantwit Major juniors enjoy end-of-season tour

L L A N T W I T MAJOR'S under-10s, 11s and 12s took to the road in their first ever tour.

They went to St Davids for the weekend, culminating in their respective age group games at St David's RFC.

A brilliant time was enjoyed by the boys and the coaches and helpers. All credit must be given to Dean Bunting for an enormous amount of work planning the tour.

As for the game between the under-11s and St David's RFC, the result went to the opposi-

tion, the score being 35 - 33.

The first try went against the run of play as Llantwit put St David's under pressure, only for the opponents to make a break out of their 22 and score.

With two more quick tries going to St David's, it looked as if the late night that the boys had was taking its toll.

Most teams would have easily given in, but with some true grit, the under-11s stuck to their task and with excellent mauling by man of the match Luc Morgan, the ball was quickly passed

out to the right wing Alex Parry for him to race to the try line and score.

The spectators hearts were in their mouths, as Alex aimed to dive to score and memories came flooding back to last season where he dropped the ball in mid air!

The lesson was obviously learned as this time he made sure and grounded the ball.

With the game poised at three tries to one it was all to play for.

The boys stuck to their task and Alex Parry scored his second try and it was game on. With the forwards winning both ruck and maul, the ball was passed to Tom Slimmings, who passed to the outside half.

Unfortunately, the boys have been watching too much of the Ospreys games and the ball was intercepted and St Davids went into half time of four tries to two.

The second half started with Llantwit in a much more determined frame of mind and, with some good training ground moves coming off, left wing Evan Holloway, burst through the defence - only to be denied by a last ditch tackle.

Undeterred, Joe Nott, who was enjoying his time as a centre, scored

the third try for Llantwit.

All the tries were converted by outside half Harry Morgan-Grant and this meant that the game was there for the taking.

Unfortunately, Harry took a knock and came off. This opened the door for Ben Simpson-McCourt to come on and make his name, with Alex Parry and Joe Nott both scoring again.

The final score was St. Davids 35 - Llantwit Major 33.

With a little bit of 'what if and maybe this' who knows what the score could have been.

Thanks go to the Llantwit Major mums and dads who travelled to St. Davids to cheer their boys on.

With some excellent rugby this season, it has been a pleasure to be part of the coaching set up.

Under-11s quad: Luc Morgan (man of match), Alex Parry, Joe Nott, Alex Wear, Joe Hanson, Scott Ankin, Scott Bunting, Ethan Forrest, Taylor Mason, Cai Jones, Ben Simpson-McCourt, Tom Slimmings, Dylan White, Evan Holloway and Harry Morgan-Grant.

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Vale schools tennis festival proves a smashing success!



CHILDREN from four primary schools in the Vale have taken to the courts at Penarth Lawn Tennis Club to take part in an annual tennis festival for pupils with disabilities and additional needs.

Thirty one youngsters from Ashgrove, Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Gwenfio and Palmerston primary schools all enjoyed a variety of tennis activities, with some playing the sport for the first time.

This was the second

year that the festival has been held after last year's inaugural event proved a hit with youngsters and teachers alike, and was organised by the Vale Council's Disability Sport Wales development officer Simon Jones, together with Simon Clarke from Tennis Wales, and Penarth Lawn Tennis Club professional coach Rob Cunningham.

Simon Jones said: "I was really pleased with how the day went. All the pupils enjoyed themselves, which reflects on how good the coaches from Tennis

ABOVE:

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Wales were. Older pupils from Westbourne School were also a huge help on the day by putting to good use the experience that they have picked up on Dragon Sport Organiser courses.

"Hopefully, this event will lead to more tennis being played in schools, so that the children can continue to improve their skills."

If anyone with a disability is interested in trying tennis, please contact Rob Cunningham at Penarth Lawn Tennis Club on 07909 987359. For further details about the range of disability sport opportunities that are available in the Vale of Glamorgan please call Simon Jones on 01446 704728.

Tae Kwon Do girls on form in championship



Sarah Herbert and Sam Lemmer

RECENTLY, the International Combat Organisation held its Welsh open championships in Ebbw Vale Leisure Centre.

Rising Phoenix Club competed and the first category was the patterns/forms, including traditional, creative and a weapons category.

Sarah Herbert managed to fend off stiff competition to win first place and become the ICO Welsh champion, followed by her team mate Sam Lemmer, who took second place.

Then the competition really took off with all five areas being used for fighting. Sarah Herbert took part in the +160cm,

under-17s section of the tournament. This is probably one of the harder sections, as she was the only girl in a male-dominated category.

She fought her way through the rounds, taking on bigger, heavier and older boys to make it through to the finals.

In a hard fought final, Sarah was beaten into second place, losing by only one point.

Well done to both girls who competed.

The Rising Phoenix Tae Kwon Do Club is part of the United Tae Kwon Do Association of Wales (UTAW) and meets at Barry Comprehensive School, Tuesdays (6pm-8pm), Thursdays (7pm-8pm).

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All ages in May four-ball event

LEFT: Josh Morgan, Sally Hopkins, Mike Hurry and Steve Hopkins

A LARGE number of competitors took part in the four-ball-better-ball competition at RAF St Athan Golf Club over the May bank holiday.

As is tradition, this competition a man partners either a lady or a junior member, so a draw took place to finalise the pairings.

Although chilly at times, the weather stayed dry and some great golf was played, with the leader-board continuously changing as the cards came in. Ladies captain Sally

Hopkins and Mike Hurry stormed the course to win the competition with a magnificent 48 points; second place went to Ryan Harris and Dave Weston with 45, and third place, with a very respectable 44 points (on count back), went to Josh Morgan and Steve Hopkins.

The two sweep was divided between five players; John Davies, Luke Allbrighton, Steve Hopkins, Josh Morgan and Steve Kenyon.

John Davies was the lucky winner of 'lunch for two' which was very kindly donated as the main raffle prize by the New York Deli, High Street Arcade, Cardiff.

Special mention must go to the juniors for their impeccable behaviour and courteous manners both on and off the course.

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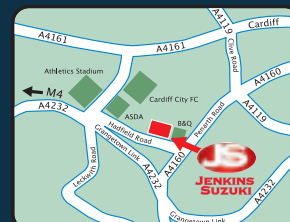
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This team of players, their coaches and the administration have shown such a positive attitude and determination during the campaign, that it was unlikely that they would have accepted anything other than the top prize.

Blackwood Stars showed very early on in the match the reason why they occupy a high league position.

Barry started very tentatively, which allowed the home pack to impose themselves at early scrums and mauls.

Play was swinging from end to end, but the early score went to the Stars, when a good outside break in the centre caused problems for Barry who were forced to concede a penalty after 25 minutes of play.

Barry upped the pace of the game, scoring an excellent try with six passes over 60 metres putting Hollister over for an unconverted try.

After a further 10 minutes, Barry extended their lead with a long distance penalty by Cummings.

The visitors extended the lead on the stroke of half time with another well-constructed, long-range try finished off by Cummings to give them a lead of 17-8.

Nervousness again crept into the Barry play at the opening of the second session.

Their play calmed down after a while and their efforts were rewarded with a third try by Brown 10 minutes after an aggressive and resourceful approach by the backs.

Some steady tactics

BLACKWOOD STARS 8 - BARRY 31



ABOVE: Celebrations as Barry lift the title and RIGHT: Chris Cummings receives the trophy from Roy Giddins of the Welsh Rugby Union.

by the visitors seemed to close the game down during a 15 minute period, but they soon had to shake off this lethargy when they were hit by two yellow cards within 10 minutes.

Barry showed some dogged defence during the closing moments of the game but looked to have lost out on the bonus point.

However, that fourth try did come in the dying minutes with a try by Ryan from fully 80 metres.

With the win Barry finished with a proud record of having played 22, won 21 and the solitary loss being only by a single point!

The game was enhanced by one of the best referees of the season who controlled proceedings strictly but fairly.

The team: Hunt, Gee, Hollister, G Jones, Gill, O Brown, H Jones, George, Lee, Hardy, Provis, Cummings, Walsh, Adams, Ryan. Subs: A Brown, R O'Sullivan, Busitil, Evans.

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Munro Cup win proves the highlight of week

CADOXTON entertained Barry Plastics in a Munro Cup match which finished in their favour with a 20-shot win and 11 points.

The main contribution was made by the rink skipped by Gary Jones, against Alan Collard. They surged ahead from the start, and opened a 14-1 lead, before a three stopped the run.

However, the game continued with only one further success for the opposition.

John Stewart skipped the next success against Keith Romans. The opposition took a 7-1 lead but a dramatic turn round brought wins for the home side in the remaining ends, except for two singles.

Howard Craven's rink were trailing 7-4 when a five started a recovery which took them to 16-7 in front. However, the final five ends were lost and the scores finished level.

The only victory for BP came with their skip Mal Jones taking control from half way, when the scores were fairly close at 6-8, to increase the surplus to 12 against the rink skipped by Jim Davies.

Scores: D Collard, D

Cadoxton Bowls Report

Evans, R Cole, J Davies, 7 - 19 P Robbins, A Goddard, R Voddan, A Collard.

G Powell, P Ellis, W Vaughan, J Stewart, 15 - 9 J Dare, J Holmes, G Prance, K Romans.

S Clements, R Doble, G Davies, H Craven 16 - 16 R Clay, V Messer, D Hilldrup, P Jenkins.

R Knight, T Bishop, M Curtis, G Jones 31 - 5 R Nelson, I Morgan, M Morgan, A Collard

Final score: 69 - 49 CARRUTHERS

Barry Athletic were the visitors in this 'Carruthers' fixture and they were much too strong for the Cadoxton team.

The rink skipped, for the visitors, by Robert Horgan, was merciless in executing a heavy defeat against Andrew Hatcher's rink.

Graham Brown also found the opposition too strong against a rink made up of seasoned bowlers and skipped by Chris Blake.

The early stages of the game on Kelvin Chedzoy's rink also went in the favour of the visitors, skipped by Dean Rees. A seven on the fourth end gave them an advantage which they built on to lead by nine shots after 12 ends.

However, the home side recovered to win all but two of the remaining ends to tie the scores. The only success for Cadoxton came when Don Kunnell skipped against Glyn Thomas.

The rink all played well enough for most of the game but there were occasions when Don had to bring off good shots to avoid dropping big counts.

Newcomer Howard Craven proved he is worth his place.

Scores: D Evans, W Vaughan, H Craven, D Kunnell 17 - 18 S McKernan, B Wright, K Harris, G Thomas.

T Bishop, L Cundliffe, J Davies, K Chedzoy 21 - 21 D Snelling, J

Beanland, G Whittaker, D Rees.

P Ellis, W Eadie, A Carpenter, G Brown 9 - 26 G Gane, DK Williams, B Parrish, C Blake.

G Davies, D Tuck, G Jones, A Hatcher 5 - 40 D Evans, D Jones, C Wright, R Horgan.

Final score: 55 - 99

'A' SIDE AT MURCH

The 'A' side did not fare any better with only one winning rink in their defeat at The Murch BC.

Roy Harding skipped the successful rink. After a tight opening, the scores were level 7-7 after seven ends, but they then pulled away and did not lose the advantage for the remainder of the game.

John Stewart's rink almost made it two wins but a four against on the final end took away their three-shot lead, to lose by just one shot.

D Brook's four struggled at the start and only managed two twos in the

first 12 ends, while the opposition amassed 18 shots. A five on the next, followed by a further six shots in the next four ends, brought some hope, but they were unable to make any more progress.

A similar pattern occurred on the rink skipped by Graham Garland. They trailed 21-5 after 12 ends before a revival brought six winning ends, while conceding on three.

Scores: G Solomon, I Dunbar, M Curtis, J Stewart, 15 - 15 R Huntley, R Davidson, B Toozer, G Russell.

G Powell, V Bryant, R Cole, G Garland 13 - 28 C Jenkins, F Maunder, I Robinson, R Pratt.

R Doble, R Knight, L Davies, D Brook 15 - 24 M Warman, A Perry, W Bloomfield, G Santavy.

S Clements, K Tanner, L Little, R Harding 16 - 13 G Salvidge, G Lane, R Golding, C Grant

Final score: 70 - 67. DK

Senior Cup success for Rhoose FC footballers

RHOOSE FC capped a highly-successful season by winning the South Wales FA Senior Cup, overcoming Rhydyfelin AFC 3-1 in the final at Aberaman Park.

The Vale side, who play in the first division of the South Wales Amateur League, took an early lead with mid-field dynamo David Stevenson climbing high to head home from a Lewis Bryl corner. Rhydyfelin equalised soon after following a free kick and that's how it remained until the interval.

However, following a rousing half-time team talk from coach Paul Giles, Rhoose came out with all guns blazing and were soon rewarded with a stunning low strike from Polish

import Tomasz Hadjuk. The tie was put to bed in the 80th minute, when top scorer Nicky Davison rounded off an incisive move to slot home following good work from 'will-o-the-wisp' Lewis Bryl and a pin-point cross from Jeff White.

This was by far the biggest success in the club's history winning this prestigious trophy and rounded off a great season, with the club finishing a creditable third in the league.

Rhoose FC (squad): Matthew Davies; Aaron Malpas; Gareth Pownor (captain); Luke Brody-Miles; Sion Anstee; James Lynch; David Stephenson; Lewis Bryl; Tomasz Hedjuk; Nicky Davison; Jeff White; Joshua Maze; Mitchell Taylor-Moore; Chris Tyley; Christian Baldock; Steven Davison; Joel Ringham.

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